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BIRTHS.

FAGAN—December 8, 1934, at 23 Fitzwilliam Place, to Dr. and Mrs. Albert P. Fagan, a daughter.

FAHY—December 4, 1934, at Spawell road, Wexford, to Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Fahy, a son.

INGLIS—December 13, 1934, to Violet (*née* Commins), wife of Kenneth Inglis, Braeside, Gourock, a daughter.

DEATHS.

CARPENTER—December 19, 1934, at Navan Hospital, Marian Carpenter, wife of William Carpenter, Hayes, Navan. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral from hospital to-day (Friday) at 2 p.m. to Painstown Churchyard.

GOWRING—December 12, 1934, at Hamden Stone, Bethersden, Kent, Humphrey John Gowring, son-in-law of Rev. Canon Stack, Magheracloone, aged 34 years.

MacMANUS—December 19, 1934, at his residence, Belmore street, Enniskillen, Patrick Aloysius, dearly-beloved husband of Margaret MacManus, and only son of the late Thomas and Mary MacManus, Enniskillen. R.I.P. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on him. Funeral to-day (Friday) to Catholic Cemetery, following Requiem Mass, at 10 a.m., in St. Michael's Church.

ROWELL—December 20, 1934, at a Dublin Nursing Home, Edward, dearly-beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Rowell, Rathdowney, Queen's County. "Thy will be done." Funeral arriving at Donoughmore (*via* Abbeyleix) at 1 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday).

WALDRON—December 20, 1934, at 13 Tower avenue, Rathgar, Dublin, Robert J. Waldron, dearly-loved husband of Mary Waldron (*née* MacConnell). Deeply regretted. R.I.P.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this column will be found on Page 6.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Mrs. Gainfort and **Mrs. Gray** wish to thank most sincerely all friends who sympathised with them in their recent sorrow.

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WANTED, middle of January, young SINGLE-HANDED COOK; R.C.; three in family; three maids.—L 1171, this office. 17 E

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WANTED, for doctor's house, Ballsbridge, superior, experienced COOK GENERAL, young, good manner and appearance; small family; good wages. Address, enclosing copies, "Z 3923, Cook," this office. 19 E

WANTED in January, good PLAIN COOK, accustomed to country, make some butter; another maid kept. Write, sending copies references, Miss Morley, Milfort, Portlaw, Waterford. 20 D

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HOUSE PARLOURMAID WANTED, North County Dublin, early January, family two; near tram; £28; all conveniences; good experience; send copies. Address "Z 3933, Parlourmaid," this office.

GENERALS DISENGAGED.

EXPERIENCED young General (outdoor or indoor); good references.—L 1198, this office.

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SINKING OF DUTCH LINER

RECORDS OF NEW DESTROYER LOST

PRESS ASSOCIATION FOREIGN SPECIAL.

LISBON, Thursday.

The fact that when the Dutch liner, Orania, went down yesterday he lost all his belongings, including the records and experiment certificates of the new Portuguese destroyer, Dao, was revealed by Mr. Scarf, representative of Messrs. Yarrow's shipyards, of Glasgow, when he arrived here from Oporto to-day.

Mr. Scarf was on his way home for Christmas in the Orania, after attending the trials of the Dao, which was built under Messrs. Yarrow's supervision.

After the collision Mr. Scarf rushed below to examine the damage, when Major-General Lindsay, A.D.C. to the King, suggested getting their luggage off. Mr. Scarf told him privately that it was not necessary, as the vessel would not sink. They then both left the Orania, and General Lindsay slightly injured his hand in helping an old Portuguese woman down the rope-ladder.

"To our horror," Mr. Scarf continued, "at the moment we landed on the quay we saw the liner capsizing and taking everybody's belongings down with it.

"At this General Lindsay, who was in very good spirits, sportingly said that after all the Army knows more about anchored ships than the Navy does. He chiefly regretted the loss of his souvenirs of Portugal which he was taking home with him.

"The greatest indignity that can happen to a sailor," added Mr. Scarf, jokingly, "is to be wrecked in an anchored ship."

ADMIRALTY ORDERS

DOES BELFAST ENJOY SPECIAL PRIVILEGES?

Miss Ward (Conservative), in the House of Commons yesterday, asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether, in order to keep an even balance of skilled labour in all shipbuilding areas, he would take into consideration, in allocating the order for the "Ark Royal," the fact that, compared with November, 1933, in October of this year shipbuilding employment on the Clyde had increased by nearly 40 per cent.; in Belfast by approximately 93 per cent.; and on the North-West by over 10 per cent., whereas on the North-East coast the increase was only four per cent?

Lord Stanley (Financial Secretary to the Admiralty) assured Miss Ward that all relative considerations would be taken into account.

Miss Ward pointed out that the Clyde had had financial advantages granted by the Government, and asked did not Lord Stanley think that in Admiralty orders all the areas should be placed on an equal competitive basis?

Lord Stanley—I do not want to draw any comparisons between these ship-building areas, but I would remind Miss Ward that recently a cruiser was allocated to the North-East district.

Mr. David Kirkwood (Labour) said that in the question it was stated that the Clyde area had special privileges, just as Belfast had. He could quite believe that this was so in the case of Belfast, but wished to know if it was so with regard to the Clyde.

Lord Stanley said that all districts were treated equally. He reminded Mr. Kirkwood that the Clyde was allocated a cruiser at the same time as the North-East district.

DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD

QUESTION OF PREFERENCE

The question of what preference should be allowed to Irish firms when they tendered for the supply of material was discussed at the Dublin Port and Docks Board meeting yesterday. A number of tenders for the supply of rivets, nuts and bolts were before the Board for consideration.

A report submitted by the engineer showed that Messrs. Krupps, of Essen, had submitted a tender, but it was decided to refer the matter back to him in order that consideration might be given to the tender of an Irish firm, which has recently started the manufacture of these goods.

The chairman (Mr. T. F. Laurie) commented that the Board had always given preference to Irish manufacturers to the extent of 10, or even 15, per cent.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin (Alderman Byrne, T.D.) asked what was to happen to the small Irish firms when they had to compete against big foreign companies. He thought that even more preference might be given to them, since their profits would be very small. On the continent the scales of wages were not as high as in Ireland, and, therefore, the companies there would be obtaining a greater profit than those in Ireland.

It was revealed that the tender of the Irish company was about 75 per cent. greater than the lowest tender submitted, and Mr. Hewitt remarked that the Board, as a commercial body, could not be asked to pay the extra 75 per cent., and, in any case, the raw material, which would provide most of the work in the order, would have to be purchased abroad, even if the bolts and rivets were turned out in Ireland.

"SWEEP" ON GRAND NATIONAL

NO POSTPONEMENT OF LOTTERIES ACT

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. C. F. Pike (Conservative) asked the Home Secretary whether, as preparations for the Irish Free State Hospitals' Sweepstake on the Grand National, to be run next March, had been in progress prior to the enactment of the Betting and Lotteries Bill, and as thousands of tickets had been purchased in England, he would alter the date on which the Act was enforceable from January 1 next to April 30?

Sir John Gilmour—No. Legislation would be required for this purpose.

Mr. Pike—If I put down a question asking that the operation of the Act should be delayed until the 1st of April, would the Home Secretary consider that a more appropriate date? (Laughter.)

Sir John Gilmour—No.

MOLYNEUX INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND, LEESON PARK, DUBLIN.

The usual monthly meeting of the Trustees and Guardians of the Molyneux Institution for the Blind was held on the 18th inst. Present:—Dr. Edward Watson (in the chair), Sir John W. Moore, W. G. Wakely, Esq.; E. N. Edwards, Esq.; Cecil Pim, Esq.; G. S. Green, Esq.; Louis Bewley, Esq., and Canon A. E. Hughes, Chaplain.

The following subscriptions, etc., are gratefully acknowledged:—Mrs. Barbor, 5/-; Messrs. Boileau and Boyd, £1; Mrs. Brunskill, £1; Mrs. Burke, £1; R. M. Burke, Esq., £1; Mrs. Cobden, £1 1/-; J. H. Cooper, Esq., £1; H. G. Courtney, Esq., £5; Messrs. Craig, Gardner and Co., £1 1/-; Miss K. Darley, £2; Mrs. Davis, 10/-; C. Eason, Esq., 5/-; Mrs. Fawcett, £1; Messrs. Alex. Findlater and Co., £1 1/-, Mrs. FitzGerald, 10/-; Mrs. Gailey, £2; Messrs. W. and A. Gilbey, £1 1/-; M. R. Gill, Esq., and Miss Gill, £1 1/-, In Memoriam, Mrs. Belinda M. Gill; the Misses Harper, £1 10/-; Mrs. Hayes, £1 1/-; G. Hewson, Esq., £1; Mrs. Huband Jacob, £1; Mrs. Otway Johnson, £1; R. St. G. Johnston, Esq., £2; T. Kenny, Esq., 10/-; Mrs. Kinloch, 10/-; Adam Lloyd-Blood, Esq., £1; Miss Low, 5/-; Messrs. Maguire and Gatchell, £1; the Earl of Meath, 10/-; Mrs. Monro, 5/-; the Lord Moyne, £2 2/-; Mrs. J. Brice Mullin, 10/-; Mrs. Phelps, £1 1/-; Messrs. Pim Bros., £2; G. L. Pollock, Esq., £1 1/-; W. Rochfort, Esq., £1; A. H. Seale, Esq., 10/-; J. Sibthorpe, Esq., £1; M. Sinton, Esq., and Mrs. Sinton, £1; R. G. Tomlinson, Esq., £1; W. H. F. Verschoyle, Esq., £2 2/-. Gifts:—Mrs. Bewley, Braille writer; Lady Gardner, money for treat.

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MOTOR CAR COMEDY

CARLINGFORD MEN'S TRIP TO DANCE

Percy Parks, William Keenan and John McGeown, all from the Carlingford district, were charged at Dundalk District Court to-day with the larceny of a motor car, the property of Miss Fitch, a Greenore school teacher; with stealing petrol, and with using an uninsured motor car. Miss Fitch said she came in her car to attend a dance in the Wellington Schools, and parked her car outside. After supper she went to look for the car and it was gone, and she notified the Guards.

In answer to Mr. O'Hagan, solicitor, she stated that she now knew that permission to take the car had been given by Mr. Walter Brown, and if she had known that at the time she would not have reported the matter.

Mr. O'Hagan—I think you and he are engaged?—No.

Guard Egan said that before he left the barracks to go to Ravensdale for the car Brown was there and said he had no idea who took the motor car. He was also very indignant about having his name mentioned in the case, and never suggested that he had given anyone permission to take the car.

Mr. O'Hagan said that Miss Fitch and her boy friend, Brown, had gone to a dance, and while there Brown's cousin, Parks, asked Brown if he could have a loan of the car. Brown agreed and the boys went off to a dance in Ravensdale, where the car was found by the Guards.

The three defendants were sworn, and stated that Parks asked Brown for the loan of the car during supper at the Wellington Schools, and he said they could have it.

It was suggested that Brown was in court and could give evidence, but the Justice said before he did so he must be warned that he might be liable for causing a public mischief. Brown did not give evidence.

District Justice Goff said he was going to dismiss the larceny charges, but he would fine Keenan and McGeown £2 each for driving an uninsured car. He was sure that if this car had been in an accident on this tour neither Miss Fitch nor Mr. Brown would have admitted that they had given permission to use it. The cases against Parks were dismissed.

TRIM SHOP RAIDED

MAN WITH IMITATION GUN

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

KELLS, Thursday.

At Athboy District Court to-day, before District Justice Beatty, John Matthews, Manorland, Trim, was charged in custody with robbing James Brogan, High street, Trim, of £6 15s. He was further charged with stealing a pair of trousers, the property of Richard Harnan.

Patrick McHale, an assistant in the employment of Mr. Brogan, said that shortly after six o'clock on the evening of 7th December last he saw a man with a mask and an imitation gun coming round behind the counter. The man said "Keep back," and pushed witness out of the way, and then pulled out the drawer of the till, grabbed notes and cheques, and made off.

Andrew Clarke said that the prisoner called at Harnan's shop and asked witness to change two ten-shilling notes. Witness went out to get the change, and on his return the prisoner left. About a quarter of an hour afterwards witness missed a trousers. He found it next morning in a parcel under a lorry in the yard.

Matthew Matthews, brother of the prisoner, said that he saw the prisoner with a piece of metal (produced). Witness asked him what he was doing with it, and prisoner replied, "It would be a great thing for a hold-up." Witness replied, "Go out of that, you idiot."

Guard Lee gave evidence of having found the mask and the metal hidden in a garden.

Sergeant Fitzpatrick gave evidence of having taken statements from prisoner, in which he admitted the hold-up.

The Justice returned the prisoner for trial to Trim Circuit Court.

FREE STATE UNEMPLOYMENT

FIGURES SHOW DECLINE

The following statement shows the total number of persons registered at the employment exchanges and branch employment offices at the 17th December, 1934, and seeking work. Corresponding figures for the two previous weeks are also given:—

	Men.	Total (including Women and Juveniles).
Having Unemployment Insurance claims current:		
December 17, 1934 ...	16,961	... 20,500
" 10, 1934 ...	17,317	... 21,068
" 3, 1934 ...	17,394	... 21,301
Others:		
December 17, 1934 ...	97,212	... 103,761
" 10, 1934 ...	98,038	... 104,746
" 3, 1934 ...	97,201	... 103,956
Total Live Register:		
December 17, 1934 ...	114,173	... 124,261
" 10, 1934 ...	115,355	... 125,814
" 3, 1934 ...	114,595	... 125,257

THOMOND REGIMENT VOLUNTEERS

Over one hundred First Line Volunteers of the Thomond Regiment drawn from the Limerick area have now completed their period of initial training at Sarsfield Barracks, Limerick, and the discipline of the men has been very favourably commented on both by the training officers and by the general public.

The number of applications for membership of this regiment from Limerick and Clare has exceeded all expectations. The young Volunteers have shown wonderful enthusiasm in their work, and the type recruited augurs well for the success of the regiment and of the movement in general.

CHILD'S DEATH IN THE STREET

An inquest was held in the Meath Hospital yesterday by the Dublin City Coroner and a jury, following the death on Wednesday of Richard Doyle (3½), of Sans Souci terrace, Harold's Cross, who was knocked down by a bread-van. A verdict was returned in accordance with the evidence of Dr. J. Martin, house surgeon, Meath Hospital, who stated that the child died from shock and hæmorrhage caused by severe head injuries.

The evidence showed that the child had run under the van while playing on the street.

The jury exonerated the driver of the van from blame.

Professor Nikolai Iakovmevice Marr, Vice-President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, a member of the All-Russian Central Executive Committee, a philologist and archæologist, died yesterday, aged 70.

Hassan Sabry Bey, Finance Minister in the last Government, was yesterday, by royal decree, appointed Egyptian Minister in London, in the place of Dr. Hafez Afifi, who resigned, says a Reuter Cairo message.

Motor Matters, Cycles, &c.

MOTOR CARS.

A FEW very attractive Secondhand Cars are for Sale at Lincoln and Nolan's, Ltd., Austin Distributors, 57-58 Lower Baggot street, Dublin; moderate prices. T

DE Soto Saloon, 1929 Model 5 Seater, leather upholstery, one owner only, perfect in every way; first reasonable offer accepted.—James McGauran, Annamoe Garage, Old Cabra road. 19 A

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1930 SINGER 16 Saloon, in first class condition and appearance, all necessary repairs done, written guarantee; clearance price, £135.—Huet Motors.

1933 MORRIS 6 wheel 3 ton Lorry, £110; 1930 131" 30 cwt. Ford Truck, twin rear wheels, £85; 1931 157" Ford 2 ton Truck, £110; 1929 12 cwt. Chevrolet Van, £16, tax £40.—Autocars Commercial Depot, Fleming's place, off Waterloo road, Dublin.

1933 12 H.P. Humber Saloon for Sale.—L 1175, this office. 18 F

1934 STANDARD 12 h.p. De Luxe Saloon, little used and in perfect condition; £260.—McCairns Motors, Ltd., 2 Dawson street, Dublin. 17 E

1934 MODEL four door Saloon De Luxe, 8 h.p. Ford, perfect condition.—L 1196, this office. 18 F

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RUDGE (Electric) Models can be secured at 10/- deposit.—Kelly's, 27 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin. T

THE AMERICAN MARKETS.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

The day's news generally affecting the Stock Exchange was interpreted as being of a constructive nature, but the further selling of Utility shares had a disturbing influence on sentiment, and operators were not disposed to extend their commitments. The list ended on both sides after a turnover of 880,000 shares.

The opening was narrowly irregular and business during the morning was quiet. Continued moderate pressure against Utility shares was an unsettling factor. The remainder of the market displayed resistance, however, prices fluctuating narrowly and many issues rising minor fractions. A few sporadic firm spots were evident in the afternoon but the movements of the list generally were lifeless.

The market closed irregular.

The estimates of this week's freight carloadings indicate a contra-seasonal gain of around 20,000 cars compared with the figures for last week. The sharp increase in the statistics of bank clearings to the highest level for nearly three years was construed as being very encouraging.

There was no change to-day in the Federal Reserve Bank's re-discount rate. Call money remained at 1 per cent. and the outside rate was unchanged at ½ to ¾ per cent. Prime paper was quoted at ¾ to 1 per cent. Open market discount rates were unaltered at 1/16 per cent. bid and ⅛ per cent. asked for ninety-day bank bills and ½ per cent. bid and ⅜ per cent. asked for six-months' bills. Sterling exchange opened ⅛ lower at 4.94⅛, and remained unchanged during the morning. The rate dropped to 4.94⅛ in the afternoon, and closed ⅜ lower compared with the previous close at 4.94⅛. Silver was ⅛c. higher at 54⅛.

	Thur.	Wed.
Call Money	Steady.	Steady.
London Cables	4.94⅛	4.94½
London 60 days' sight	4.93⅛	4.93½
London Bankers' do.	4.93⅛	4.93½
London Com. do.	4.93¼	4.93⅝
Montreal Cables	4.89¼	4.89⅝
Paris Cables	6.60¼	6.60½

Eng. Parity.	Stocks.	Closing Bid Thur.	Closing Bid Wed.
53⅛	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	52½	52½
88	Do. Preferred	87	87
13½	Baltimore and Ohio	13⅜	13¾
11⅜	Canadian Pacific (New Stock)	11¼	11⅛
2¼	Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	2¼	2½
1½	Chicago and Rock Island	1½	1⅝
12⅛	Erie Shares	12	12¼
15 3/16	Erie 1st Preferred	15	15
15 15/16	Illinois Central	15¾	15¾
10¼	Lehigh Valley	10⅛	10
45	Louisville and Nashville	44½	44¼
1½	Missouri Pacific	1½	1½
20½	New York Central & Hudson R.	20¼	20½
171¼	Norfolk and West Com.	169¼	168¼
19¾	Northern Pacific Com.	19½	19½
23¾	Pennsylvania Shares	23½	23¾
42½	Reading Shares	42	42
17 5/16	Southern Pacific	17⅛	17⅛
15 3/16	Southern Railway	15	15½
107½	Union Pacific	106¼	106⅛
1½	Wabash	1½	1½
108½	American Can (New Stock)	107¼	106¾
37 1/16	American Smelting (New Stock)	36⅝	36½
10⅞	Anaconda Copper	10¾	10¾
14 15/16	American Radiator	14¾	15
104⅛	American Tel. and Tel.	102⅞	103⅞
30⅛	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	29¾	29½
32⅞	Brazil Stab. 6½%, 1957	32½	32⅝
20¼	Consolidated Gas (New York)	20	20⅞
20	General Electric (New Stock)	19¾	19¼
31⅜	General Motors (New)	31	30⅞
2⅜	Inter. Mer. Marine Com. Certs.	2⅜	2⅜
22⅞	International Nickel	22⅝	22½
28 5/16	Montgomery Ward	28	28¼
161⅞	National Lead	160	165
12½	North America Company	12⅜	12⅞
4 15/16	Radio Corporation	4⅞	4⅞
29 9/16	Royal Dutch Petroleum	29¼	29⅛
20⅞	Shell Transport and Trading	20⅝	20½
6 9/16	Shell Union Oil	6½	6⅜
16 7/16	U.S. Rubber	16¼	16¼
37 3/16	United States Steel Common	36¾	36¾
82 11/16	Do. Preferred	81¾	80⅞
10⅛	Brazilian Traction	10	10
30⅞	Brit. American Tobacco Coupon	30½	30⅝
3 15/16	Hydro. Electric	3⅞	4
30⅜	International Pet. Canada (New)	30	30
—	Silver Commercial Bars	54⅛	53⅞
	BONDS.		
116	U.K. 5½% Bonds, 1937	114⅝	113¾
119	Do. Funding Loan 4%	117⅝	117¾
108 1/16	U.S. Treasury 3¾% Bds., '46-56	106⅛	106⅛
38 15/16	7% German External Loan	38½	36⅛
105¾	Amer. S. Refining 5%, '47	104½	104½
—	Bethlehem Steel 5%, '42	—	—
79 7/16	Chile Copper 5%, '47	78½	78⅜

* Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; ‖ Ex rights.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

December 20.—20 Railroads, 35.77; 30 Industrials, 99.59, and 30 Utilities, 17.12.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE

Eng. Equiv.	—	Closing Bid Thur.	Closing Bid Wed.
130 5/16	Bell Telephone Co. of Canada	127½†	129
10 1/16	Brazilian T.L. and P. Co., Ltd	9⅞	10
28⅜	British Columbia Power "A"	27¾	27
4 3/16	Do. "B"	4⅛	4⅛
7	Can. Car and Foundry Co.	6⅞	6⅞
13 7/16	Do. Preferred	13⅛	13⅛
19 13/16	Canadian Celanese Com.	19⅜	19⅜
120 9/16	Do. Do. Pref.	118	118
7 7/16	Canada Cement Co.	7¼	7¼
58¼	Do. Preferred	57	58½
6⅛	Can. Indus. Alcohol Com.	6	6⅝
5⅛	Do. "B"	5	6
11⅜	Canadian Pacific Railway	11⅛	11⅛
7 5/16	Canada Steamship Preferred	7⅛	7
7 11/16	Cockshutt Plow Co.	7½	7½
138 7/16	Con. Mining and Smelting	133½	134½
33½	Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.	32¾	32¾
104¼	Dominion Glass Co., Ltd.	102	101
83 13/16	Dominion Textiles Co.	82	82
18 15/16	Hollinger Cons. Gold Mines	18½	18⅜
22⅞	Inter. Nickel of Canada	22⅜	22¼
3 15/16	Massey Harris Co.	3⅞	4
31 3/16	Montreal Light Heat	30½	31
49 9/16	Do Debs.	48½	48½
30⅛	National Breweries. Ltd.	29½	30½
15 1/16	National Steel Car Corp.	14¾	15
192⅛	Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd.	188†	188
7 15/16	Power Corporation of Canada	7¾	7⅝
16⅞	Quebec Power Corporation	16	15¾
17⅝	Shawinigan Water	17¼	17⅝
11¾	Southern Canada Power	11½	11½
48 13/16	Steel Co of Canada	42⅞	42
205 15/16	Bank Montreal	201½	201
284 1/16	Bank Nova Scotia	278	279
168⅛	Can. Bank Commerce	164½	161
172 13/16	Royal Bank of Canada	169½	169
	CURB PRICES.		
14 1/16	Distillers Corp. Seagrams, Ltd	13¾	13⅝
24½	Hiram Walker Gooderham	24	23¾
16¾	Imperial Oil, Ltd.	16⅜	16⅜
12⅝	Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada	12⅜	12⅜
30⅜	International Petroleum	29¾	29¾
53 15/16	Lake Shore Mines, Ltd.	52¾	52¼
40⅝	McIntyre Porcupine Mines	39¾	41¼
33 7/16	Noranda Mines, Ltd.	32.80	32¾

* Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; ‖ Ex rights.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS

WHEAT barely steady, ⅛c. to ⅛c. lower.

	To-day	Prev. day
No. 2 Amber Durum, spot ...	—	—
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot ...	—	—
No. 1 Northern Manitoba spot, f.o.b. New York ...	91	91¼
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot ...	114⅛	114½
No. 2 Red Winter spot ...	106⅝	106¾

MAIZE easier, ⅛c. lower.

Western No. 2 mixed spot, 101¾.

OATS steady at ⅛c. loss. White clipped f.o.b. New York, 58¼.

RYE barely steady, ⅛c. lower. No. 2 spot, 67¼.

BARLEY steady, ⅛c. decline. American malting c.i.f. New York, No. 2, 98¾.

FLOUR steady. Spring clears were quoted at 6.70 to 7.00.

LARD steady and unchanged. Prime Western steam, 12.20; Middle-West, 12.05 to 12.15.

PETROLEUM steady.

Mid-Continent crude, 33 to 33.9 per cent. Baume at well, 94 cents.

Pennsylvania crude, in South-West Pennsylvania pipe lines (lower price), 157 cents; do. (higher price), 172 cents.

COFFEE.

Closing options—

	Dec.	Mar.	May	July	Sept.
To-day	6.97	7.19	7.33	7.47	7.57

COCOA—Spot, 5¼. Futures closed steady, 2 points down to unchanged. Closing options—

December, 4.81; January, 4.81; March, 4.98; May, 5.10; July, 5.23; September, 5.36; October, 5.42.

SUGAR on spot closed steady and unchanged at 3.085. In futures, 129 December "notices" were promptly stopped. The widely separated bids and offers restricted transactions in this position, while the remaining options were quiet, with a little selling in January by Cuban houses and some "hedge" selling in May. Traders are awaiting a settlement of the December "short" situation. The market closed steady, with futures 1 point higher to 1 lower. Approximate day's sales (futures)—5,000 tons.

Closing options—

	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
To-day	2.00	1.73	1.76	1.81	1.85	1.89	—	1.92

TALLOW steady. Spot extra loose, 5¼; special extra, 5; in tierces, 5¼.

COTTON SEED OIL—Futures closed steady, 2 points down to 5 up. Closing options—December, 9.96; January, 10.02; March, 10.02; May, 10.09.

SHELLAC—T.N., 23.

TURPENTINE—Spot, 51; Savannah spot, 46.

OUTSIDE MARKETS—Straits Tin steady at 5 points loss. Spot and near by New York, 50.80. Futures option—January, 50.80. Lead steady, unaltered. Spot New York, 3.70; spot East St. Louis, 3.55. Pig Iron steady at late rates. Eastern Pennsylvania, Northern 2x foundry, silicon 2.25-2.75, delivered New York, including freight rate, 21.77; Buffalo, silicon 1.75-2.25, delivered Boston, including freight rate, 20.00.

OUTSIDE U.S. MARKETS

KANSAS—Wheat easy. Spot 1⅛c. and futures ⅜c. to ⅛c. down. No. 2 hard winter, spot, 101⅞. Closing options—December 98¾, May 95¾.

ST. LOUIS—Wheat, spot easy, 2⅛c. down. Futures steady and unchanged. No. 2 red winter, spot, 102¾. Closing options—December 97⅞, May 97⅞.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat barely steady. Spot ⅛c. down, futures ⅛c. to ⅜c. down. No. 1 Northern spring, spot, 110. Closing options—December 107⅞, May 104⅛. Barley steady, ⅛c. to ⅛c. lower. Closing options—December 75¾, May 72⅛.

DULUTH—Linseed irregular, 1⅛c. down to unchanged. Closing options—December 187, May 186. Rye steady and unchanged. Closing options—December 74⅛. Wheat firmer, ⅜c. up. Closing options—December 121⅛, May 121⅛.

COTTON (New York)—Spot closed steady and unchanged at 12.75. Cotton (New Orleans)—Spot closed unchanged at 12.77.

COMMODITY EXCHANGE INC.

TIN quiet and unchanged. Closing options—December 50.60, March 50.65, May 50.75, July 50.85. American standard copper steady, 3 to 2 points lower. Closing options—December 6.18, January 6.18, March 6.25, May 6.35 to 6.42, July 6.45 to 6.50.

ARGENTINE GRAIN OPTIONS

BUENOS AYRES.

WHEAT—February 6.16, March 6.23.

MAIZE—December 6.50, January 6.44, February 6.55.

LINSEED—February 11.83, March 11.97.

ROSARIO.

WHEAT—February 6.14, March 6.22.

MAIZE—January 6.22, February 6.38.

LINSEED—February 11.64, March 11.75.

RUBBER very quiet. First latex thin crepe, spot, 13⅝ buyers; smoked ribbed sheets, spot, 12⅞ buyers, 13 sellers.

WINNIPEG GRAINS

WHEAT opened steady, unchanged to ⅛c. down. Trading to-day was extremely narrow. Reports of favourable weather in the Argentine and a slow export business effected some scattered buying by commission houses. The market closed barely steady, with values ⅛c. to ⅛c. lower. Opening options—December, 77⅞; May, 82⅞; July, 83¼. Closing options—December, 77½; May, 82½; July, 83. Oats steady and unchanged to ⅛c. lower. Closing options—December, 42¼; May, 43⅞; July, 43⅞. Rye steady, ⅛c. to ⅛c. lower. Closing options—December, 58; May, 61⅛; July, 62. Barley steady, ⅛c. to ⅛c. down. Closing options—December, 54⅞; May, 56⅞; July, 56⅞. Linseed firmer, 1⅛c. to ⅛c. higher. Closing options—December, 141⅛; May, 145⅛; July, 144⅞.

CHICAGO MARKETS

CHICAGO, Thursday.

WHEAT opened steady, ⅛c. up to ⅛c. down, and closed barely steady, with prices ⅛c. higher to ⅛c. lower.

	To-day	Prev day
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot ...	—	—
No. 3 Hard Winter, spot ...	—	—

Futures—Opening options

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	97⅝	98⅜	92

Futures—Closing options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	97⅜	98⅛	92⅛

MAIZE opened steady and unchanged to ⅛c. higher, and closed easy at 1c. to ⅜c. fall.

No. 2 mixed Western, spot, unquoted.

Futures—Opening options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	—	87	84⅛

Futures—Closing options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	88¼	86¼	83¼

OATS closed barely steady, ⅛c. to ⅜c. lower.

Futures—Closing options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	54⅛	51¾	46¾

RYE closed barely steady, with values ⅛c. down to ⅛c. up. No. 2, spot, unquoted.

Futures—Closing options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	77¾	76⅜	75½

BARLEY nominal. Futures, closing options—December, May, and July unquoted.

PROVISIONS—LARD opened steady. The market was steady, and prices advanced in unison with hogs. The close was quiet, with futures 7½ points up to 2½ down. Spot was unchanged. Prime Western steam, spot, 11.45. Closing options—December 11.50, January 11.50, May 11.87½, July 12.05.

BACON steady, with dry-salted bellies generally unchanged and fat backs unaltered. Fat backs 14.25; dry-salted bellies, closing options, December 14.75, January 14.85.

HOGS steadier, with light kinds 25 to 5 points higher, and heavy weights 10 to 15 points up. Light weight 5.00 to 5.65, and heavy weights 6.40 to 6.55.

FILM OF ROYAL WEDDING

TAKEN BY CIVIC GUARDS

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

KILKENNY, Thursday.

Last night, shortly before the picture programme concluded at Kilkenny Theatre, about forty young men and boys entered the hall of the building and told Mr. Thomas Stallard, the managing director, that they had come to prevent the exhibition of the film of the Royal wedding, which had been shown on Monday and Tuesday nights. Mr. Stallard assured them that it was not being shown last night, as it was not in the possession of the management. It was ultimately agreed that two of their number would go into the theatre to verify Mr. Stallard's statement.

After the picture had been shown on Monday night Civic Guards took possession of the film, returning it on Tuesday evening for Tuesday night's programme, after which they again took possession of it. The management could not succeed in getting the film for last night's programme, but it was returned by the Civic Guards this morning.

DUBLIN CATTLE PRICES

Average price per cwt., live-weight, of fat cattle, fat sheep and fat lambs in yesterday's Dublin Market:—

FAT CATTLE.

Year.	Dec. 20. s.	d.	Dec. 13. s.	d.	Dec 6. s.	d.
1934 ...	22	3	22	6	22	6
At corresponding dates in previous years—						
1933 ...	22	0	24	0	23	6
1932 ...	27	9	27	3	27	3
1920 ...	93	0	90	0	89	0
1916 ...	63	9	63	3	58	6
1914 ...	40	9	39	0	36	9

FAT SHEEP.

Year.	Dec. 20. s.	d.	Dec 13. s.	d.	Dec. 6. s.	d.
1934 ...	31	9	32	0	33	0
At corresponding dates in previous years—						
1933 ...	29	0	28	3	26	9
1932 ...	22	9	21	6	20	3
1920 ...	106	6	100	6	104	9
1916 ...	55	6	59	3	56	3
1914 ...	41	3	40	6	39	3

FAT LAMBS.

Year.	Dec. 20 s.	d.	Dec. 13. s.	d.	Dec. 6. s.	d.
1934 ...	35	0	33	0	33	9
At corresponding dates in previous years—						
1933 ...	30	0	31	6	30	0
1932 ...	24	3	25	0	23	0
1920 ...	108	0	113	0	111	0
1916 ...	66	0	58	3	60	0
1914 ...	43	3	37	6	40	0

FOOD AND PRODUCE MARKETS

Dublin—Holiday supplies of Cattle failed to clear, best classes of Sheep and Lambs in demand, secondary class Dairy Cattle unsaleable, Pigs quietly steady. York—Large show and slight advance in price of Irish Stores. Rubber steady. Wheat dull. Tin quiet. Copper easier.

CATTLE.

DUBLIN (METROPOLITAN).

	Numbers on sale this week as compared with last.	Corresponding weeks of 1932.	1933.
Beasts	2,262—decrease 1,429	1,681	1,668
Sheep and lambs...	3,777—decrease 3,587	2,668	3,856
Veal calves ...	1—decrease 8	0	3

There were several conspicuous absentees among our leading buyers here this week, and notwithstanding a big reduction in supplies to be dealt with, numbers offered proved much beyond trade practicable. Altogether market was of a holiday character, and with business in both home and shipping interests of a cautious nature, sellers found it difficult to place even the prime article. In fact, outside of choice heavy weight bullocks there appeared to be little want for this class, previous values were about maintained. Thence afterwards terms were somewhat in and out, and difficult to gauge accurately, especially those concerning secondary and rough descriptions. At all events any advantage was mostly in buyers' favour. On the whole market proved a bad selling one, and large numbers again failed to find buyers' marks. There was little demand for beef cows, which were in small supply, and except for North of Ireland requirements trade was practically nil, and many useful beasts were again returned to owners. Bulls not so numerous, and found ready buyers for export around previous terms. Over the day's proceedings values worked out around the following:—Prime heifers and bullocks 25s. per cwt., useful sorts 22s. to 24s., with some taken for export around 16s. to 20s. Best young beef cows 10s. to 12s., others 6s. to 9s., and bulls around 11s. to 14s.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.

As usual at this period of the season, supplies to this market were some 3,587 head less than last week. Butchers in small attendance, and those present mostly only wanted to accommodate themselves by special selections of sheep from pens here and there. Few buying in a broader way except where pens embraced an extra nice lot. This class, however, was somewhat scarce; in fact, most of supply was of secondary or poor descriptions, which failed to sell up on last Thursday. Lambs of quality found ready buyers around previous values, but lean or otherwise unsuitable pens were difficult to find buyers for. Prime mutton, 7d. to 7½d. per lb.; useful quality, 6d. to 6½d.; other classes, 4½d. to 5½d., and lambs, 18s. to 36s. per head.

DAIRY CATTLE.

Smaller supplies totalled 180 head, or 90 under previous gathering. Few outstanding exhibits were to be seen, and the sprinkling on offer got placed around previous values. Otherwise there was little want, and, with a smaller attendance of buyers, market failed to clear of the secondary and otherwise unsuitable cows around the following prices:—Best cows, £12 to £15, extra £16 per head; heifers, £12 to £14, extra £14 10s. to £15; useful sorts, £8 to £11; others unsaleable.

PIGS.

Market gave 896 head of swine to draw upon, being a decrease of 711 on previous gathering. There was a fair attendance of buyers, who paid near late rates in opening transactions, but as market filled in a more cautious attitude was manifest. Still, it was difficult to find much change in values, due to the smaller supplies to deal with, most of which found buyers' marks. Sows not so numerous, but sufficient to about maintain late rates. Slips and bonhams not much wanted, and failed to clear. Prime lightweight porkers, 62s. to 63s. per cwt.; medium bacon, 54s. to 56s. and 58s.; heavier, 48s. to 50s.; sows, 30s. to 33s.; slips and bonhams, 14s. to 27s. 6d. per head.

BRISTOL.—There were 200 fresh Irish cattle and 80 English. Short supply of beef, for which prices were a turn better, best making up to 6½d. per lb. A little better inquiry for store cattle, best three-year-olds making up to £15 apiece, two-year-olds £12, and yearlings £10 to £11. Very few milch cattle, prices not worth quoting.

YORK.—Large show Irish stores, and slight advance for best Irish bullocks, which made up to £20 10/-. Light show English cattle, and North Country animals made up to £14 10/-. Calving and milch cows made up to £22 for best. No calving heifers. Small show sheep; twice crossed hoggets to 52/- apiece.

BIRMINGHAM PIG.—Larger supply for moderate requirements, Christmas demand having been satisfied, and values of nominal character. Bacons a medium trade at schedule rates. Cutters easier, 13/- or so, with porkers up to 16/-. Sows again an easier tendency at 7/- to 7/6 for an over-supply per score dead weight.

MANCHESTER PIG.—Shipments from Ireland to this country for the week ended December 15th were not available at the time of writing; but, with the exception of sows, spot supplies have been on a moderate scale. The Christmas trade has been slow to develop, but lean cutters hardening in tendency at 15/- per score, estimated dressed carcase weight. Baconers slow and nominal; sows an extremely poor trade.

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES (BALTIC).—WHEAT—A dull tone pervaded the cargo market with holiday influences in evidence. Prices manifested weakness in view of the decline on primary markets, and pressure to sell new southern hemisphere supplies. Canadian descriptions were offered at 1½d. per quarter reduction, and Australian occasionally 6d. lower, but River Plate maintained a steady level. The Daleby (8,245 tons), West Australian, bulk, sailed 12th December, sold late Wednesday at 24/-. Yesterday, cargoes of No. 1 Northern Manitoba Atlantic shipment late December sellers 31/1½, West Australian afloat 24/3, new crop January 24/6, South ditto December 23/6, New South Wales, bags, bulk, afloat near 21/6, December 23/-, South Australian sailers January 25/-. Parcels inactive, and Manitoba grades 1½d. to 3d. per quarter easier, and River Plate occasionally 1½d. to 3d. down, but Australian and French remained unchanged: No. 1 Northern Manitoba Atlantic Dec. sellers 31/3, do. Vancouver December 30/9, January 20/9, No. 2 ditto Atlantic December 30/6, ditto Vancouver December 28/3, January 28/3, No. 3 ditto Vancouver December 27/6, January 27/6, No. 4 Manitoba Vancouver afloat 26/6, December 26/6, January 26/6, No. 5 ditto December 26/-, January 26/-, West Australian December 24/6, South ditto afloat 23/4½; French (on sample) December 19/- per quarter of 480lb. c.i.f. terms. MAIZE—Cargoes firm at 1½d. to 3d. per quarter advance, in view of light Argentine shipments and better overnight River Plate options, but Danubian shipments were larger than last week. European demand fails to improve, but further orders are circulating on American account; River Plate shipping/shipped sellers 22/9, January 22/9, February 22/3, March 23/-, April 20/9, May 20/3, January 20/3. Parcels quiet, but steadily held; River Plate afloat sellers 20/6, December 20/6, January 21/7½, February 22/4½ per quarter of 480lb. c.i.f. BARLEY steady, but business of a restricted character. Parcels of No. 3 Canadian Western Vancouver December sellers 24/1½, No. 4 ditto December 22/6, Persian December 20/4½, River Plate (64-65 kilos) new crop January-February 19/3 per quarter of 400lb. c.i.f. OATS dull at late rates. Parcels of River Plate f.a.q. quality (34lb.-35lb.) new crop January-February sellers 12/9, No. 2 Canadian Western Vancouver December 21/-, No. 3 ditto December 19/3; No. 1 Canadian feed Vancouver December 18/6, extra No. 1 Canadian feed December 18/10½ per quarter of 320lb. c.i.f.

LIVERPOOL.—This market will be closed from two o'clock on Monday next until eleven o'clock the following Thursday for the Christmas holidays. Overnight cables were disappointing, and with increased estimate of the exportable surplus from the Argentine forward deliveries of wheat here gave gave way to a fair extent during early trading, then recovered moderately, but again receded owing to easier afternoon Argentine cables, fluctuated slightly, finishing at about worst point. C.i.f. parcels neglected and nominally unchanged to 1½d. lower. C.i.f. parcels River Plate maize July sold at 19/7½, and Galatz Foxanian February 21/9 per quarter. WHEAT on the spot quiet and easier. MAIZE—Spot parcels steady at 4/7½ to 4/8 per cental for River Plate. FLOUR quiet at late rates. Graded wheat futures, after giving way ⅝d. per cental, recovered ⅛d. to ¼d., but again moved downwards, and in the end were quiet at ⅝d. to ¾d. under Wednesday. Values—December 4/7⅝, March 4/11⅛, May 5/1⅛, July 5/3½ per cental. Sales—200 loads.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—BACON — Danish in moderate demand at about 1/- per cwt. over the official quotations, but all other selections, including Irish and Canadian, rule quiet, without material change in value. In the weekly revision in London no quotable alteration was made in Danish or Swedish. HAMS steady, with a moderate inquiry at late rates. Shoulders scarce and nominal. LARD on the spot shows a further 6d. advance. Prime steam now held at 50/- to 51/-, and American refined 50/- to 52/- per cwt., but buyers operate cautiously. CHEESE in better demand for New Zealand makes at 6d. to 1/- advance. White now 44/6 to 48/6 and coloured 45/- to 49/- per cwt. BUTTER steady, though Danish reduced 2/- to 126/- to 130/- per cwt. EGGS quiet at lower prices for hen. Irish Free State extra selected 15/-, selected 14/6, medium 11/6, Northern special 15/9, standard 14/-, selected 13/9, English new laid standard 15/3 per 120.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT.—Supplies to market 2,892 tons, being 996 tons British and Irish produce and 1,896 tons imported. Beef and pork met a brisk trade. BEEF (national mark prices)—English long sides, select 4/6 to 4/8, ditto prime 4/- to 4/4, ditto good 3/8 to 4/-. General prices (including national mark)—English long sides 3/8 to 4/8, ditto hindquarters, forerib and flank 4/8 to 5/4; Irish (Birkenhead-killed) hindquarters, forerib and flank 4/6 to 4/8. PORK—English, under 10st. 6/- to 6/8, 10st. to 15st. 5/- to 6/-, 15st. to 20st. 4/4 to 5/-, over 20st. 3/8 to 4/4; Irish suckers 5/4 to 6/-, under 10st. 5/4 to 6/-, 10st. to 15st. 4/8 to 5/4, 15st. to 20st. 4/4 to 4/10.

BRISTOL.—BACON—There was a fair business during the past week, but the top qualities were chiefly in request, though official prices remained unchanged for all descriptions. HAMS had a moderate inquiry, for short-cut, prices of which remained steady. LARD was in fair demand, with American a shade lower on balance, though the finish was steady. CHEESE—The demand was somewhat disappointing, with Canadian steady, whilst New Zealand, after interim easiness, gradually improved and finished steady. BUTTER was rather quiet at the outset, but prices held steady and show little change on balance. Baltic States and Russian butters were not offered.

CARDIFF.—There was a fair amount of activity during the early part of the week in most sections, but a quieter tone was in evidence at the close. Irish butter is not quoted, although there are still a few stored parcels available. Wholesale quotations delivered in Cardiff district:—BACON—Irish 2/- to 1/- firmer at 81/- to 87/-, Danish 2/- to 4/- dearer at 83/- to 91/- per cwt. HAMS—American steady at 86/- to 95/- per cwt. BUTTER—Danish 2/- higher at 129/- to 133/-, New Zealand 1/- lower at 72/- to 76/- per cwt. EGGS—Irish hen, best, easy and 1/6 cheaper at 15/6 to 16/- per 120. POULTRY—Chickens 9d. to 1/2, hens 6d. to 8d. per lb.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Market well supplied with all classes. Choice arrivals found ready buyers around previous values, and market sold up fairly well, except sprouts and turnips, which failed to clear. York, 8/- to 26/- large load; small, 6/- to 10/-; Savoy, large, 5/- to 10/-; small, 4/- to 5/-; swedes, feeding, 10d. to 1/-; table, 1/- to 1/4 per cwt.; mangolds, 9d. to 10d.; cauliflowers, 1/- to 1/9; seconds, 4d. to 8d doz.; carrots, 9d. to 1/3, bags 1/- to 2/6; parsnips, 1/- to 1/6, bags 1/6 to 2/6; celery, 6d. to 1/6 bunch; parsley, 4d. to 6d. tray, 1/- to 2/- bag; turnips, 2d. to 6d. bunch; thyme and sage, 1d. to 2d.; rhubarb, 2/- to 3/- doz.; and sprouts, 1/- to 1/6 chip.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Supplies continue to increase, with demand fair around 4/- to 4/6 per cwt., best table lots.

DUBLIN FISH.—Moderate supplies included 82 boxes from two steam trawlers, 15 chests lobsters, 70 boxes herrings, and a small amount from country and local senders. Sales fairly well supported at: Lobsters, 10/- to 15/- per 13 large; medium, 5/- to 6/-; small, 1/6 to 2/6; soles, 25/- to 32/6 per 9 pairs large; medium, 12/6 to 15/-; slips, 5/- to 7/6; turbot, 1/6 to 5/- each; brill, 6d. to 2/6; herrings, 10/- to 20/- box; plaice, 20/- to 70/- half box; cod, 20/- to 80/-; whiting, 10/- to 40/-; white soles, 15/- to 25/-; conger eels, 6/- to 15/-; gurnard, 4/- to 6/-; ray, 10/- to 20/-; pollock, 10/- to 15/-; hake, 20/- to 30/-; and ling, 10/- to 15/-.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Soles 15d. to 24d., slips 13d. to 17d.; red mullet 12d. to 16d., lobsters 18d. to 30d. per llb.; live eels 12/- to 30/-, dead 10/- to 24/-; draught turbot 10/- to 16/-, brill 9/- to 12/6, plaice 7/6 to 16/-, halibut 12/- to 18/-, lemon soles 16/- to 20/-, cod 4/- to 6-, hake 9/- to 14/-, haddocks 4/- to 8/-, skate wings 5/- to 7/- per stone.

DUBLIN POULTRY.—Supplies exceptionally large, with bulk of arrivals geese, turkeys and chickens. Buyers in good attendance, and business brisk, with a good clearance effected at firm to occasionally dearer rates. Prime turkeys, 11d. to 1/1 per lb.; secondary quality, 7d. to 9d.; fatted geese, 6d. to 7d.; and chickens, 8d. to 9d.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR—British makes quiet and unaltered. Terminal steady, idle. Foreign 96 per cent. raws, December, to the United Kingdom, quoted 4/3 per cwt., c.i.f. COCOA easy forward and quieter. Accra, G/F, January-March, sellers at 22/- per 50 kilos, c.i.f., and A Clause, to London, 23/- per cwt., ex-wharf. Terminal sales, 100 tons. March sold at 21/10½, July 22/9, September 23/4½ to 23/3 per cwt. RUBBER steady, quiet. Sheet, spot and January, sold at 6⅛d., February 6⅛d., April-June 6¼d., July-September 6⅜d. to 6½d., October-December 6⅜d. per lb. JUTE—Market dull and weaker, quite a holiday tone being apparent. Firsts, December-January, usual ports, sellers £16 16/3; January-February sold at £17 to £16 17/6; February-March, sellers £17 2/6; March-April, £17 7/6; lightnings, January-February, sellers £14 17/6; hearts, £13 10/-; Daisee, £14 10/-; Tossa, £15 8/9 per ton, c.i.f.; Hessians and twills slow. SHELLAC lower, fair business forward. T.N., spot, 82/- to 87/-; December sold at 83/6 to 82/-; March, 86/ to 84/-; December-January, c.i.f., sellers 83/- per cwt.

OILS.—Linseed quiet. Spot, sellers 19/9 (small quantities 1/6 per cwt. extra); January 18/6, January-April 18/9, May-August 19/6, September-December 20/-. Rape steady; crude, spot, 28/6, refined 30/-; Japanese crude drums, January-February 24/3, refined 25/3. Cotton steady; crude Egyptian, spot, 20/-; common edible 24/-, deodorised 25/6. Cocoanut quiet; Ceylon mill drums, spot, 16/6, December-January, also February-March, 14/9, white ditto 14/10½. Copra crude, spot, 20/-; English deodorised barrels 25/6. Groundnut quiet; English crude, spot, 25/6, deodorised barrels 31/-. Bombay crude drums, December-January 25/6. Turpentine steady; American, spot, 45/-. Rosin quiet; American, Grade B 11/7½, F/G 12/6 per cwt. OILSEEDS.—Linseed—Market quiet, but prices generally steady; Plate, to Hull, December, sellers £9 8/9 new, January-February, also February-March, £9 5/-; March-April £9 6/3; Calcutta, to London, December-January, January-February, also February-March, £11 10/-; new, April-May, £11 5/-; Bombay, to London, December-January, also January-February, £11 15/-; new, April-May, £11 12/6. Rapeseed steady; Toria, December, also January, £11 15/-. Cottonseed firmer; Egyptian black, to Hull, December to March, £6 2/6, white £5 18/9. Groundnuts quiet; Coromandel, December to March, £11 16/3, April £11 17/6, May £11 18/9. Soya Beans quiet; Manchurian, afloat and for shipment to February £6 5/-. Castorseed firmer; Bombay, December, also January, £10 17/6; Calcutta, ditto, £10 12/6 per ton, c.i.f.

LIVERPOOL.—CANE SUGAR steady, unchanged. Sellers basis 96 deg. pol. parcels January shipment raws at 4/4½ per cwt. c.i.f. to U.K. Refined descriptions continue steady and unaltered. COCOA—West African kinds on spot quietly steady. New crop parcels December-February and January-March shipments good fermented Accra sellers 22/- and buyers 3d. less. Sellers Lagos f.a.q. December-February and January-March 21/6, and buyers 3d. less, both per 50 kilos c.i.f. Continent. JAPANESE PEAS on spot unaltered at £15 to £15 10/- ex store. Forward arrivals new crop c.i.f. terms November-December and December-January shipments quoted £12 10/- to £12 15/- per ton. RICE BRAN quietly steady at 86/3 per ton to December-January shipments Burmah ex ship terms. OIL CAKES—Forward shipments imported brands attracting fair notice, and for linseed descriptions £7 10/- wanted for American and £7 15/- River Plate, both c.i.f.; and cottonseed continues at £4 5/- for Egyptian undecorticated ex ship terms—all December-January. PALM KERNELS steady, with sellers unaltered at £7 13/9 December-January and January-February shipment, and buyers 2/6 per ton less. TALLOW firm, and offers from first-hand sellers South American remain scarce; No. 1 frigorific forward shipments quoted 22/6 to 23/-, and Australian good colour mixed 22/6 to 23/- per cwt. c.i.f. terms.

G.S. RAILWAYS WAGES AGREEMENT

The Executive Committee of the National Union of Railwaymen and the Railway Clerks' Association have now ratified the tentative agreement made with the Great Southern Railways Company on the 13th inst. This agreement governs the rates and conditions of service of traffic inspectors and supervisors in the omnibus, road freight and cartage departments of the G.S.R.

Substantial improvements in the present rates of pay and the substitution of a six-day for a seven-day week are included in the provisions of the agreement, which is anti-dated to the first full pay period in August last.

The agreement applies to all parts of the Irish Free State.

SIR THOMAS MORE AND CARDINAL FISHER

REQUESTS TO THE POPE

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

VATICAN CITY, Thursday.

The canonisation of two figures of English history, Sir Thomas More and Cardinal Fisher, will probably take place next year by special procedure, it is announced by Papal circles.

The Pope has received a large number of letters from English Catholics asking that the two men, both of whom were beheaded by Henry VIII. in 1535, should be canonised.

It is pointed out that next year is the fourth century of their martyrdom, and some of the letters urge that both More and Fisher were devoted supporters of the supremacy of the Pope, and the Holy Sacrament of Marriage—two principles of importance to-day. Others declare that they have received benefits through the intercession of the two martyrs.

KILLED IN SAND PIT

GALWAY BOY'S FATE

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

GALWAY, Thursday.

While John Acton, Knockaunranny, Moycullen (16), was working in a sand pit to-day, about a mile from his home, the edge of the pit suddenly caved in and a huge rock fell on him crushing him to death almost immediately. At an inquest in Moycullen later James Acton, the father of the dead boy, said that he was called to the sand pit, where he saw his son's body mangled and covered with sand.

On the application of Superintendent Neville, Mr. M. J. Allen, Coroner, adjourned the inquest for the attendance of the Inspector for Mines. The Coroner and Superintendent expressed sympathy with the dead boy's family.

TRAMWAYS DISPUTE

CONFERENCE TO-DAY

As a result of the intervention of the Department of Industry and Commerce, a conference has been arranged between the Dublin United Tramways Company and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, in connection with the strike notice served by the latter.

The meeting will take place this afternoon.

AN ASSIGNED DEBT

In the Belfast King's Bench yesterday, before the Lord Chief Justice, sitting without a jury, Frederick Charles Hamilton (trading as James Crosbie and Co.), Broughshane road, Ballymena, sued James Mairs, retired merchant, 10 Main street, Coleraine, to recover £250, the amount due by the defendant to James Bell on February 13, 1934, a debt assigned by Bell to the plaintiff.

The claim arose out of the erection of certain houses in Coleraine, which had been built for the defendant by James Bell, a builder, who got materials from the plaintiff, and assigned his claim against the defendant to them.

The Lord Chief Justice gave judgment for £200, with costs.

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT

Barometer at 5 p.m.—29.70.

Wind and Weather—Westerly winds; overcast.

Foreign Arrivals—Ss. Shuna, of Glasgow, 913 tons register, Captain Suddaby, from Gothenburg, with general cargo; ss. Finkenau, of Bremerhaven, 473 tons register, Captain Hennig, from Hamburg, with general cargo; ss. Bengore Head, of Belfast, 1,512 tons register, Captain Jarvis, from Riga, via Belfast, with timber, etc.

Coastwise Arrivals—Ss. Lady Munster, from Liverpool with passengers and goods; ss. Lairdsmoor, from Glasgow, with passengers and goods; ss. Slieve More, from Holyhead, with goods; ss. Lady Galway, from Liverpool, with goods; ss. Cato, from Bristol, with goods; ss. Manxsona, from Ramsey, with salt; ss. Glencullen, ss. Glencree, from Ardrossan, with coals; m/v. Windermere, from Arklow, light; ss. Slieve Donard, from Holyhead, light.

LONDON METALS MARKET

TIN QUIET—COPPER EASIER.

TIN market continues quiet, and prices displayed irregularity and weakness. On balance official quotations were 5/- to 7/6 per ton lower for cash and 5/- forward. Standard cash quoted £227 15/- to £228, three months £228 5/- to £228 7/6; settlement price £227 15/-. Sales amounted to 175 tons. Cash at £227 15/-, £227 12/6 and £227 15/-, three months £228 7/6, £228 10/-, £228 5/- and £228 7/6. English ingots quoted £228. Business was reported in the East at £230 15/- c.i.f. COPPER easier, but demand well sustained. Official quotations marked a decline of 3/9 per ton both cash and forward on balance. Standard cash quoted £27 17/6 to £27 18/9, three months £28 6/3 to £28 7/6; settlement price £27 17/6. 1,700 tons changed hands. Cash at £27 18/9 to £27 17/6, three months £28 10/-, £28 5/- and £28 6/3. Electros quoted £31 5/- to £31 15/-, wire bars £31 15/-, best selected £30 10/- to £31 15/-. LEAD quiet and values barely steady. 350 tons sold. Good soft foreign pig Jan. £10 5/-, March £10 10/- to £10 8/9; settlement price £10 5/-. English quoted £12 5/-. SPELTER steady, but trade inactive. 175 tons sold. Jan. £11 15/-, Feb. £11 16/3, March £11 18/9; settlement price £11 12/6. ANTIMONY steady, but quiet. English regulus spot quoted £74, Chinese ditto spot £65 to £66, Dec.-Jan. sellers £56 10/-, buyers £55 10/-, crude Dec.-Jan. sellers £31 10/-, buyers £30 per ton c.i.f. Copper Sheets easier at £42 per ton f.o.b. Yellow Metal lower. Jan.-Feb., also March, £34 17/6 per ton f.o.b. ALUMINIUM, QUICKSILVER and TIN PLATES unchanged. SECOND SESSION.—Tin idle. Cash buyers £227 15/-, three months £228 5/-. Copper quietly steady. 300 tons sold. Cash sellers £27 18/9, three months sold £28 7/6. Lead easy. 100 tons sold. Good soft foreign pig Jan. £10 3/9. Spelter idle and unaltered.

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BREAD AND BUTTER SUBJECT

HEADMASTER AND STUDY OF IRISH

The annual distribution of prizes was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School, Dublin, last night, when Mrs. Hughes presented the successful pupils with their awards, and the Dean of St. Patrick's presided.

In the course of his annual report, the headmaster of the school, Mr. H. V. Keegan, B.A., LL.B., referred to the compulsory teaching of the Irish language. Irish, he said, was an established part of the school curriculum, and should be treated as such.

"In my opinion," said Mr. Keegan, "it is utterly wrong that any parent should encourage a boy to neglect any subject in the school course. Under the present conditions it is a bread and butter subject for the average Irish boy."

Continuing, the headmaster said: "I understand that the new regulations of the Department of Primary Education provide for the teaching of all subjects through Irish. This will mean that in five or six years pupils will have received the primary instruction in all subjects through the medium of Irish, and, if parents want their children to learn English, they will have to have them taught outside of school hours.

"I would like to be able to assure parents that the new developments of the compulsory Irish scheme would die a natural death in the near future, but I fear that the prospects are remote. We can only hope that our politicians will indicate some practical solution of the appalling difficulties which are bound to arise."

DEAN'S SUGGESTION

The Dean of St. Patrick's said that they were not protesting against the Government's desire that the Free State should be Irish-speaking. It would awaken the nation to self-consciousness.

"We want to co-operate in this matter. We want Irish to be taught enthusiastically. We want our pupils to learn the language *con amore*. It would have been more logical to have all subjects taught through the medium of Irish after they had made a certain amount of progress. At present it must be a hardship to learn one unknown subject through the medium of another unknown subject. Every class is reduced to a class on the particular subject, plus a class on the subject through which it is taught."

Canon A. E. Hughes, M.A., said that, as members of the Church of Ireland, they could have no possible antipathy to the language of their country. He would like to remind those people who occasionally threw the taunt at them that they objected to it because it was Irish, that at one time Irish had been kept alive in Ireland by the Church of Ireland and by the University of Dublin, and that that University maintained, at considerable expense, a professor in the ancient language.

"We are proud," said Canon Hughes, "that Dr. Douglas Hyde is a member of our Church, and that the Provost of Trinity College is one of the greatest authorities on Celtic literature in the world." He believed that the bilingual boy attained a higher standard of intelligence than the one who is merely in possession of a single language. If the child in the primary school was to be taught a language which he did not understand it would be better for the Government to make it more interesting both for teacher and pupil. In that way, he believed, greater progress would be made in the language. They had an honest desire to teach it in their schools.

THE REPORT

The Headmaster's report stated that the year had been a successful one for the school. The numbers on the rolls were up to the standard of previous years, and after the entrance examination in January they would probably constitute a record. The two candidates for the Intermediate Certificate examination had covered themselves with glory. The out-of-school activities had been well maintained, and the old boys continued to reflect glory on their *Alma Mater*.

Mr J. H. Vain, of Rudyard Hall, Staffordshire, was, at a meeting of the Council of the National Farmers' Union in London yesterday, nominated for election as President of the Union for 1935. Mr. Vain has been Vice-President during the past twelve months. Major R. H. Dorman-Smith, Chairman of the Union's Organisation Committee, has been nominated for the Vice-Presidency.

AUTUMN CONJOINT EXAMINATIONS

ROYAL COLLEGES IN IRELAND

The following candidates have passed the autumn conjoint examinations in Ireland held by the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Surgeons:—

Preliminary Examination—Audrey Jean Ashforth, Gerald Vincent Burns, Charles Clancy-Gore, Laurence Collery, Francis Martin Donnelly, James Patrick Brendan Donnelly, Dorough Doyle, Thomas George Fitzsimons, William Joseph Alexander Fleming, Michael Frisby, Anthony Michael Herbert Mancha Gregory, Austin Hannigan, Liam Hutch, Herman Ferdinand Kamp, Kevin James Joseph Keenan, Thomas Lyle, Margaret Teresa Lynch, John Reginald Martin, George Leslie Moore, Michael Joseph Moran, Alice Pauline McCarthy, John James McClancy, Maurice James Pilsworth, William Patrick Power, John B. Ralph, Anna Christina Rouse, Thomas Alfred Spence, Johannes Ignatius Van Niekerk, Thomas Hoskins Whitsitt, Robert White, Melisande Zlotover.

Pre-Registration Examination—J. H. Balmer, R. A. Blair, J. Boyd, P. C. Byrne, J. Colgan, F. E. Constantine, B. Crealey, H. C. Crean, K. A. Farrell, C. A. Fetherston, I. H. Fleming, H. F. Kamp, J. E. Keith, M. Kelly, K. McGinty, R. J. McGouran, A. J. McMahon, D. J. McSorley, P. Mullin, E. C. Ramsay, Catherine Rogan, J. F. M. Smyth, J. E. Stevens, Patricia Troy, J. I. Van Niekerk, M. Barry Walsh.

Biology Examination—Marie T. Britton, T. G. Carmichael, K. J. Duggan, E. L. Evans, T. Forsythe, J. Gould, Gertrude M. Leahy, J. B. Lee, R. J. McLaughlin, C. W. Orr, J. Speer, J. C. White, Marcia J. Wright, Margaret K. Wright.

First Professional (Part I.) Examination—F. G. Adye-Curran, C. F. Coghlan, H. Harvey, R. Macdonald, Rose E. McNally, Vera A. Wallace.

First Professional (Part II.) Examination—H. J. Bugler, F. J. Healy, Alice P. Hennessy, B. Kennedy, L. McQuillan, L. J. O'Donnell, T. V. O'Donnell, Louisa B. O'Reilly, T. V. Plunkett, Frances Reilly, J. Tait, Maud Timmon, Maureen Treacy, W. Whitelaw, A. A. Wilson.

Second Professional Examination—Annie G. G. Rea Clarke, W. K. McGinley, P. J. McNamara, V. T. Roberts, L. J. Samuels.

Final Professional Examination—John Hunter Armstrong, Gerald Francis Adye-Curran, Margaret Corbett, Edward John Crowe, Arthur James Crummie, Patrick Bernard Cusack, Patrick O'Donnell Gallagher, Norman Berchmans May, John Charles McFeely, Margaret O'Connor, John O'Leary, John Forrest Sutcliffe.

Examination for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine—Dr. Patrick J. Aird.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

Final Fellowship Examination—Patrick Kerr Dixon, Martin Fallon, Jack Stanley Gibson, Nigel Alexander Kinnear.

Final Dental Examination—Lydia Jean Clarke, William Hopkins Dormer, James Joseph Fortune, Arthur Hubert McKenna.

TIPPERARY RATES

ONLY 15 PER CENT. COLLECTED

It was stated at South Tipperary County Council meeting yesterday that only £26,000 of the total rate warrant of £177,000, or 15 per cent., had been collected.

Commissioner Meghan said special warning should be given to Collectors Fennelly, Dwyer and Barlow, whose collections seemed to be the worst. He appealed to the ratepayers of the county to meet their obligations as soon as possible, because it was only with great difficulty the county services were being carried on. He should like them to specially note that it will be very necessary for them to pay first moiety and arrears before December 31 to get credit for the allowance on the credit rate. It was reported at the meeting of South Tipperary Board of Health that there was a reduction in public assistance of £4,000 as compared with last year.

Amended plans were submitted by Mr. Vincent Kelly for the new hospital in Clonmel, which will cost £26,000, exclusive of equipment.

Woman's World.

The Real Spirit of Christmas Shopping

JOYOUS LAST MINUTE RUSH TO BUY GAY PRESENTS

IF you are one of the model shoppers—though I've never met them—who have all their Christmas presents already packed, labelled and posted, this article is not for you. It is for the unrepentant laggards like myself who feel that there is a great deal to be said for shopping in the last few hours before the great day.

Now shops are at their gayest, the hurrying crowds have caught the spirit of festivity, and your own spirits rise in response. You feel much more generous and openhearted than you did a fortnight ago, when you had time to hesitate between "useful gifts" and extravagant ones!

The suggestions that annoyed your eye when you were calm and calculating now reach your mind like inspirations.

Have you a daughter, niece or young sister for whom you contemplated buying a very useful, but unromantic, pair of shoes? Well, now you are likely to change your mind, and give her one of the delectable evening coats or capelets that lure your eye in so many windows—velvet, gold, silver, white fur, erminette—a dazzling array full of the suggestion of the gay evenings proper to youth.

FUN IN THEIR RIGHT

And that family of children so bursting with energy—weren't you going to give them something "to keep them quiet?"

Now, in the hurry and scurry, with many-hued lights illuminating memories of your own rampagious days, you will realise that boisterous fun is part of the prerogative of being very young, and you will choose toys accordingly. Your eye will brighten at the sight of drums and trumpets, balls and skittles, balloons, toy gramophones, and the hundred and one other things that you ordinarily think of as instruments of torture.

Then, maybe, you have got nothing yet that is a "suitable present" for Uncle James or Aunt Harriet. Hurriedly you review past Christmases and presents of handkerchiefs, bedjackets, warm slippers.

They don't match your mood, perhaps? Jog your mind. Hasn't Uncle James a sweet tooth quite out of keeping with his air of bearded wisdom? Chocolates, of course.

But don't forget the other sweet things. Didn't your eye light on a box of crystallised fruits glowing like jewels in the window you just passed? Or what about a box of favourite jams?

BOOKS

And then Aunt Harriet. She reads biographies of Victorian worthies; but, with a chuckle, you remember the day she had a cold, didn't hear you announced, and had no time to conceal the lurid detective story she had got from the library. So choose one with a nice gruesome title and good, clear print.

Thoroughly in the spirit of things by now you think of elegant young brothers, cousins and such. You haven't kept track of their changes in sartorial taste, and think it wise to avoid ties, perhaps.

Are any of them living in bachelor digs? They like comfort. Cushions seldom come amiss, but let them be large, plain and soft—oh, very soft!

Then, they are usually addicted to things of chromium and glass. Would a very modern-looking clock or barometer meet the case?

MAKE THEM JOYOUS

There are still half a dozen friends to provide for. Some of them work very hard and have little to spend on minor luxuries. Your exalted mood grows a little more serious as you think (probably with exaggeration) of the drabness of their ordinary days.

Well, your presents will not be useful—they will be joyous. Something full of colour, with an air of extravagance about it.

Flowers catch your eye, great banks of them in shimmering colours. Their beauty will last well over Christmas, and give a good send-off to the New Year, if you buy them growing in pots and bowls.

Then there are gleaming, irresistible jars of bath crystals—all kinds of fragrances waiting like imprisoned genii to be released amid clouds of coiling steam.

And garments ridiculous enough in their extravagance to suit Cinderella at the ball. Maybe your hard-worked friends don't go to balls? Even if they don't, they will enjoy cobweb-fine stockings on their shapely ankles, or the slinky feeling of silk next the skin.

A GAY BLOUSE

Probably, they will bless you for the whole year after if you think of bestowing a blouse—the gayer the better. A pretty blouse will often metamorphose a perfectly businesslike suit into a charming afternoon turn-out.

What about those delicious muslin things all patterned over in front with embroidery, as brilliant as birds of paradise?

With your arms full and your purse well-nigh empty, you remember that, so far, you have got nothing to add to the decoration of your own home.

You could just manage to hang a lantern or two on your little finger, or tuck a string of fairy lights into your handbag. Then, of course, you realise you haven't got a Christmas tree.

Hurry up or you'll be late! If there are children at home it must be a good sized tree; if there are not, get a tree a foot or two high for the table. Yes, and miniature candles for it, of course.

And ornaments.

Triumphant, tired, excited, you reach home at last. And the gaiety of that last outburst of shopping carries you gallantly through the business of parcelling, directing, and, probably, delivering by hand, your contributions to Christmas festivities.

AILEEN.

This "Lystalite" model is suitable for wearing with a high collar. It is in velour, with a feather mount.

SEQUINS ARE FASHIONABLE AGAIN

A French Trade Busy

From Our Paris Correspondent

WOMEN who wear sequined dresses this season will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are indirectly helping a very typically French trade to flourish, after it has been almost at a stand-still for over five years.

Prosperity has returned to the manufacturers and *brodeuses* of sequins with this season's fashion vagaries. Dressmakers have launched sequins as the correct trimming for garments for all hours of the day, with the result that over 250,000 people are at work again, supplying the world with the shimmering metal-varnished wafters, which are cut in a variety of shapes from the finest and lightest sheets of gelatine.

This year steps have been made in designing aluminium sequins which have depth, instead of being quite flat, and washable sequins are made from a crystal-like composition.

A prominent manufacturer of sequins tells me that he anticipates three years of prosperity for the trade. As sequins cannot be produced or sold cheaply, they are not likely to become vulgarised through the channel of copying and cheap dressmaking, and so smart women will not cast them aside so quickly.

AN ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

Have you ever racked your brain to decide what sort of blouse you could possibly wear with "that little suit" you like so much? A blouse that was not just satin—always so obvious; nor chiffon—much too thin; and unless it is very grandly done, inevitably looks so poor.

Well, the answer to your prayer has come this season. It is the simplest of the simple in black *paillette* blouses. Neckline is collarless at the base of the throat, but a narrow self-tie or just a diamond clip is used. Not even a suggestion of fulness back or front, and three-quarter loose sleeves.

You can have long, close-fitting mitten sleeves if you like. Both are equally smart. Actually it is a jumper, but a jumper glorified and abandoned to the *nth* degree. Perfect for bridge and the envy of every other woman at the table. Smart enough to dine in informally, making all the others look just a little dowdy, while you try vainly to pretend you don't feel like the cat that ate the canary.

It is so exciting discovering something new! And when that something is gay, practical, chic, and not too hopelessly expensive, then truly the gods have smiled.

A WORRY TO WOMEN

The new fantastic gloves are a worry to women. They complain that velvet gloves don't fit and that thick satin gloves give them fat fingers. Their point of view is wrong. These gloves are not made to fit. They are just a bright note of colour to a sombre costume.

The short satin gloves go on for ever—bright purple with a white dress or with a navy blue dress and so forth. They have a new glove now—a soft, thin, matt velvet, which pulls on very easily, and which does not make the hand look big at all. In bright red with a black evening frock, and a short velvet coatee to top it, it is divine.

Also, the short and very pale pink gloves look well with a day dress; sometimes they have a pink ciré feather around the hem. The evening gloves are smarter if they end half-way between the wrists and the elbows. The slippers usually match the gloves in colour, but not necessarily. Like everything else in fashion, *cela dépend*.

Like cream, the best of the Paris style-points rise to the top of dresses and coats. They are slung around the neck and shoulders. If your dress or coat is not right at the top, you are out of it, however correct the rest may be.

And your head, too, has to look different. The new hats, and the way of arranging your hair, take care of that.

FOR EARLY SPRING.—This is a fur felt and fancy straw model in navy, by "Lystalite."

Women are wearing frocks that look exceedingly simple from the elbows downward. Most of the sleeves are plain, and they are either elbow-length or long, and fitted from top to bottom. The skirts you see mostly are slim and look simple, except for occasional ruffles, peplums, or whatnot at the hips, and now and then a hard-worked hem.

But high, around the neck, everything is different. Practical dresses are muffled up with drapery, bibs, standing collars, scarves, bows, jabots and such things. Starched ruffles worked into bibs and jabots keep this detail in style and give daintiness to plain dark frocks.

Between us this white ruffled jabot and bib business provides a neat way of bringing a simple, well-cut frock from last season up to present fashions.

Bows and bibs of silk and feathers that come up under the chin are being much seen, too. And bows, scarves, and bibs of metallised silk are good on wool or silk dresses.

(Continued in column 6.)

Christmas and Fruitfield

Christmas Cheer and Fruitfield table delicacies are linked together by the best traditions of goodwill and good taste. Here are some delicious items for inclusion in your Christmas shopping list.

MINCEMEAT
PRESERVED GINGER
PRESERVED PINEAPPLE
GLACE CHERRIES
LEMON CURD
CANNED FRUITS
BOTTLED FRUITS
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● and
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IRISH AUCTIONEERS

GRASS AND CON-ACRE LETTINGS

A meeting of the Council of the Irish Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Association was held at 23 Lower Ormond quay, Dublin, when the following were present:—Mr. J. S. Wilkinson, presiding; Messrs. Raymond V. Judd, M.A., Vice-President; George A. Knight, Clones; W. H. Jordan, Drogheda; William J. Heron, Dublin; D. P. Hoey, Dublin; Henry Dowse, Dublin; J. F. Armstrong, Kells; Ireton Jones, Dublin; Alex. Haslett, T.D., Monaghan, and the Secretary.

Apologies were received from Messrs. G. N. Jessop, Maryborough; P. A. Rothwell, Ballinasloe; William P. Smith, Vice-President, Navan; A. M. Toole, Loughrea; Thomas Callan, Dundalk; M. Shields, Carrickmacross; A. MacArthur, Dublin; and T. Morgan Good, Dublin.

A vote of sympathy to Mr. Alex. Haslett, T.D., Monaghan, an esteemed member of the Council, on the death of his brother in California was passed.

On the proposal of Mr. G. A. Knight, Clones, seconded by Mr. J. S. Wilkinson, Dublin, Mr. George N. Jessop, jun., Maryborough, was put forward for election at next Council meeting, to be held in January.

PROTECTION BILL

Mr. Haslett, T.D., informed the Council at length as to the present position of their Protection Bill in the Dail, and dealt very fully with the motion as to the adjournment to early in the new year.

The Council had before them the Reorganisation Committee's resolutions and the minutes of the Advisory Committee held on 29th ult. Among matters discussed were legal advice, library, Benevolent Fund, arbitration, debates.

CON-ACRE LETTINGS

A discussion took place as to auctioneers' liabilities in connection with grass and con-acre lettings, and counsel's opinion was placed before the meeting. It was decided to send a copy of the opinion to each member of the Association.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on January 9th at 2.30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE ENTERTAINMENT

Boys of St. Mary's College, Rathmines, last night presented their annual dramatic entertainment, which gave great pleasure to the large audience. The principal feature of the programme was the Christmas play, "The Star of Christ" (by the Rev. M. H. Gaffney, O.P.). There was also the enjoyable one-act comedy, "The Crimson Cocoanut," and musical items, including some by the junior school choir.

The boys who took part in the plays were: J. Crean, P. Delaney, J. O'Connell, I. Hooper, J. Maguire, E. Giblin, R. O'Connor, B. O'Kelly, J. Harbison, P. Quigley, J. Mills, A. O'Kelly, R. Blake, J. Meany, R. Ryan, K. Young, R. Graham, K. Keenehan, S. Atkins, J. McKay, N. Cregan, P. Woodnutt, C. Kelly, B. Scott, D. O'Sullivan; and (in the comedy) A. Leahy, F. Purcell, C. Kelly, J. Dillon, D. Smyth, and R. Quane.

(Continued from column 4.)

BETWEEN SLEEVES

Sleeves on dresses and blouses often hit you between the elbow and wrist. When you first experience these betwixt-and-between sleeves you feel a little like a growing girl—all hands. But they begin to grow upon you. For every time you feel them you know that you have on a new dress. They are Autumn, 1934.

If the new tight Princess silhouette appeals to you, and yet you feel you are a little too hefty to grace it, order the gown with a string belt of the same material. It will be entirely inconspicuous, but will make all the difference, for it softens the line.

Bracelets are smarter when they are worn in pairs, one on each wrist. In the good old days it was always thus. Victorians did it. Among the Pompeian ladies, mummified in lava, you never find a one bracelet girl. Delightful for the jewellers, but hard on husbands.

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Quickly relieved by rubbing on
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ACTS IN TWO WAYS AT ONCE

A WARRENPOINT ROBBERY

£500 IN A FENCE

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.
NEWRY, Thursday.

Frederick Martin, Ballydesland, Warrenpoint, was remanded to Newry Quarter Sessions on bail of £50 with two sureties of £25 each, at a special Court in Warrenpoint to-day, before Messrs. H. Allison and F. P. Connolly, on a charge of having on the 15th December, at Rathturret, Clonellon, Co. Down, entered the premises of his employer, Robert Joseph Thompson, and stolen a cash box containing two deposit receipts for £500, two cheques for £2 3s., and a sum of £22 10s. 6d., the property of R. J. Thompson.

The evidence alleged that the defendant, on the loss of the money being mentioned, went with one of the Thompsons to Warrenpoint Police Barrack to report the matter. Next morning he handed some papers that had been in the missing box to Robert J. Thompson, stating that he had found them in a whin bush. Later, at his own request, he was escorted by Constable Wright towards his own home, where the latter, on defendant's information, found the missing money in a hole in a fence. When charged and cautioned he said that he procured the box by opening a window and catching the box on the dressing-table with a wire hook. He spent 7s. 6d., he added, and later decided to return the money.

EX-KAISER'S ACTION FAILS

BERLIN BANKING FIRM SUED

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
LEIPZIG, Thursday.

The ex-Kaiser Wilhelm has lost his case against the former Berlin banking firm of Goldschmidt, Rothschild and Co., for payment of 480,000 marks (£24,000 at par), allegedly due to him from unauthorised share transactions by his former administrator, whom the Kaiser had dismissed.

The Supreme Court of Leipzig dismissed the ex-Kaiser's claim as unjustified, indicating that there was no evidence to show that the transactions were "immoral or null and void," and that, in view of the "financial position of the ex-Kaiser, there could be no question of undue restriction of the ex-Kaiser's financial freedom, although the amount involved was considerable."

The decision on the counter-claim of the bank for 250,000 marks was held over.

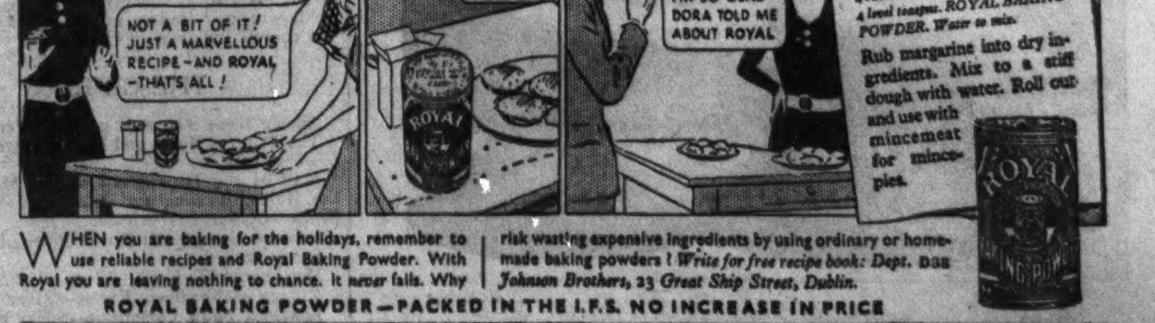
NEWSPAPERS MORE PERISHABLE THAN EGGS

The plea that newspapers were the most perishable articles in existence was put forward by Sir William H. Ackland, director of Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son, when supporting an application for the licensing of two extra motor vehicles of the W. H. Smith Transport Company before the Northern Traffic Commissioners in Newcastle yesterday.

Sir William was asked whether the egg did not challenge the newspaper's claim to perishability.

Sir William—Staleness in eggs is a matter of days; staleness in news may be the matter of an hour or so. Think of the cricket scores, for instance.

HEAVENLY MINCE-PIES THIS YEAR!


DORA DEAR—CONFESS THAT YOU BOUGHT THEM!
NOT A BIT OF IT! JUST A MARVELLOUS RECIPE—AND ROYAL—THAT'S ALL!
ROYAL?
YES—THAT'S MY SECRET
THEY'LL BE A GREAT SUCCESS AT THE PARTY
I'M SO GLAD DORA TOLD ME ABOUT ROYAL
ROYAL

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1 lb. plain flour, 4 oz. ground rice, 4 oz. castor sugar, 12 oz. margarine, 4 level teaspns. ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Water to mix.
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IRISHMAN'S DIARY

Joseph Holt : Truffles : The Ulster Unit : The High Commissioner : A Book for Children

Mr. J. W. Dulanty

Mr. J. W. Dulanty, Free State High Commissioner in London, possesses a rich store of anecdotes and a true Irishman's manner of recounting them. The following is one that I heard him tell when he was opening a church bazaar in West London:—A priest was giving a course of lectures to a religious society in London. Many nationalities were represented in his audience, and he spoke of the need for brotherly love among men. He drew a graphic word-picture of the scene on the Last Day when all the peoples would be assembled for judgment. An Irishman at the back of the hall rose and asked: "Will the Black and Tans be there?" "Yes," the lecturer replied, adding, "and you may be next them." "Faith, if I am, Father, the divil a much judging will be done the first day," was the answer.

The Ulster Unit

Under the title of "The Ulster Unit," the new art group to which I referred recently has opened its first exhibition at the Locksley Hall, Belfast. After the manner of Unit One in London, the catalogue contains a preface and a symposium in which each artist states his or her dominant aims. The preface, which is contributed by the secretary of the group, Mr. John Hewitt, who is assistant curator at the Municipal Art Gallery at Stranmillis, claims that now for the first time Ulster has a number of artists freed from geographical ties and alert to the experiments in art which have been going on abroad. I notice that Mr. John Luke, the young painter, whose work attracted Mr. Philip de Laszlo during his recent visit to Belfast, has four paintings on show, and that Mr. Galway McCann, the young sculptor to whom I also referred, is well represented in that section. The group is not entirely composed of young people. In addition to Miss Margaret Yeamss, who has been painting on the Continent for some years, I see that Lady Mabel Annesley and Mr. W. R. Gordon, both of whom have been closely associated with Ulster art for many years, are well represented in the water-colour section. There is some remarkably interesting pottery work by Mr. Denis O'D. Hanna.

Joseph Holt

A friend writes: In a paragraph entitled "Irish Pioneers in Australia," recently published in the "Diary," certain references were made to Joseph Holt, which have since been described as inaccurate by a correspondent. If this reader is correct in stating that Holt did not farm at Derralossary, County Wicklow, most of the works of reference are hopelessly wrong; for the "Australian Encyclopædia" definitely states that he did; and gives the year (1782) in which he acquired his holding. The "Dictionary of National Biography" names public offices that he held in Derralossary, and implies that he lived there, while both those authoritative works record that he was "sentenced to transportation." Possibly, the correspondent who quarrelled with the word "sentenced" overlooked the fact that the acceptance by Holt of clemency conditional on his expatriation was, in truth, acceptance of a sentence passed on him. In this respect I may recall that many believed that Holt's life was spared because he gave information to the Government; certainly, he told them of United Irishmen activity in the County Cork.

Holt himself believed that he was entitled to certain privileges in Australia, and, while many agreed with him, such was not the official view. He was sent to Norfolk Island for the reason stated in the original paragraph, but his exposure of State malpractices certainly did not aid his case. And, having regard to the affluence that had been his, I maintain that he died in poor circumstances—although, decidedly, not in poverty.

Perhaps, it is that the correspondent who disagreed with the facts as stated here is in the possession of some data which was not available to the, presumably, able writers of the biographical notices of Holt in the two works I have named.

Mediæval Standardisation

It is nowadays generally believed that mass-production and standardisation are comparatively recent innovations, but in the fifteenth century the Republic of Venice had standardisation for its ships. Not only that, but it maintained "service stations" in which repairs could be effected and spare parts supplied in many parts of Europe. Ships were all built to standard measurements and specifications, because ships of identical build were expected always to behave identically under weather stress. But another reason was that consuls in distant ports could be sure of keeping a refit of masts, rudders, sails and other necessaries when they knew the exact requirements of every Venetian ship that would reach their ports. It will thus be seen that the Government of the Venetian Republic anticipated the ideas which are supposed to be peculiarly "modern" by about four hundred years, and that modern mercantile fleets are not quite so carefully or so adequately catered for by their owners. Only during the War years was the Venetian precedent followed by some of the Allied Governments; by Britain in particular, with its hundreds of "standard ships," which had to be scrapped in large numbers subsequently.

Delightful Book for Children

Parents in search of something really novel for children may like to be reminded of a charming book which has been published recently in London. The words and music in the volume are by Margery Radcliffe, who is better known in Dublin as Margery Lumsden. Before her marriage Margery Lumsden was a frequent broadcaster from the Dublin Station, and was a most acceptable contributor to the "Children's Hour." "Boldtoes," which is the title of the book, contains some of these broadcasts, excellently put together with simple music suited to children of all ages. Many hours of delightful entertainment may be obtained by children who are fortunate enough to possess the volume. It contains a short foreword by Sir Henry Lytton, and a series of charming pictures by Marian Allen. Since her marriage Margery Lumsden would seem to have given up acting, but for some years she was a regular member of companies presenting plays in Dublin theatres. She was a frequent and conspicuous member of Mrs. May Carey's companies, as also in the companies organised by her sister Norah. Her many friends in Dublin will be glad to have this really delightful volume for children.

An Exile's Views

A correspondent writes:—At an interesting lecture to writers which I attended in London recently, Mr. Shaw Desmond, the well-known writer and Irish novelist, had many provocative things to say about his home country. For one thing, he considers Ireland to be a splendid jumping-off ground for writers, and spoke of the sense of asceticism so diffuse in Ireland as superb soil for the coming artist. He mentioned the usually mixed blood of most well-known present-day Irish writers, especially instancing "A. E.," Bernard Shaw, Synge, and James Stephens. "O'Casey, I believe, is the only man of purely Irish blood among them," he remarked, "and even he may have English or other blood in his veins." Mr. Desmond does not acknowledge the usually accepted belief that the Irishman is impulsive. "He is generally cool and calculating, and not the least sentimental," he declared. The English people, on the other hand, he considers to be the super-sentimentalists of the world! "The last of the Puritans are to be found in Ireland," said Mr. Desmond, and later referred to that "something Ireland alone possesses, a gheist or spirit or whatever you may call it that is so unconquerable. It will bring her through all her troubles," said he. "She will win through in the end."

Truffles

I wonder how many hogs are used in Ireland for the purpose of rooting out truffles? They are in England, France and other countries, although dogs are sometimes used. Truffles, of course, are the edible subterranean fungus used for seasoning purposes. There are a number of species, none of which can be cultivated. They prefer to grow in calcareous soils, and are often to be found beneath birch or oak trees, but as there is no visible indication of their growth, the hog, on account of his rooting propensities, is utilised to seek and root them out.

QUIDNUNC.

UNION FRIENDLY SOCIETY

RESERVES GO TO COMMON FUND

A farewell social of the committees, secretaries, and staff of the Union Friendly Society and Central Branch was held on Wednesday night in Mills's Restaurant, Dublin. The Society has ceased to exist, following the recent compulsory amalgamation of approved National Health Societies. It had attained a high position among the approved societies, and the members were receiving as high benefit as any insured persons in the Free State; the maximum benefits will be available to former members of this Society until July, 1936.

Canon H. Lewis-Crosby, President of the Society since 1914, referred to the origin of the Society. He said he had felt that a great gain for the community come from National Health insurance. When the bill was brought into the House of Commons to effect that object he had invited the Rectors of the Dublin parishes which had benefit societies, and the secretaries of these societies, to meet in the Gregg Memorial Hall. The chairman at the meeting was Mr. (now Sir Walter) Kinnear, who became one of the Health Insurance Commissioners for Ireland, and later the sole Commissioner for Health Insurance for the United Kingdom. The Insurance Bill was passed, and the committee appointed at the meeting to form a voluntary society for the Protestants of Ireland formed the "Union Friendly," which became one of the most efficient of the National Health Societies. Its success was largely due to the Executive Committee and their staff; in particular, they must be grateful to the men who voluntarily gave their services as chairmen of the committee—namely, Messrs. C. H. Darley, Thompson, Murray, Wright, Swirles, McConnell and Aylward. He paid tribute also to Mr. W. St. G. Perrott, the secretary. The Society was called the "Union Friendly," because it was hoped that it would be a society in which all the Protestants of Ireland might co-operate. At first this hope was not realised. After the separation of Northern Ireland, however, the members of the Presbyterian and Methodist Societies in the Free State, and of some other societies, joined the "Union Friendly." The Society had been ably administered, and large reserves had been built up, which they regarded as the property of the Society's members. Now these had been taken from them by the Free State Government and put into a common pool. The members, after July, 1936, would be in a worse position as regards benefit. However unjust this might seem they must bow to the inevitable. Those who had worked together in the Society would always prize the fellowship that had resulted from it.

LORD RIDDELL'S ESTATE

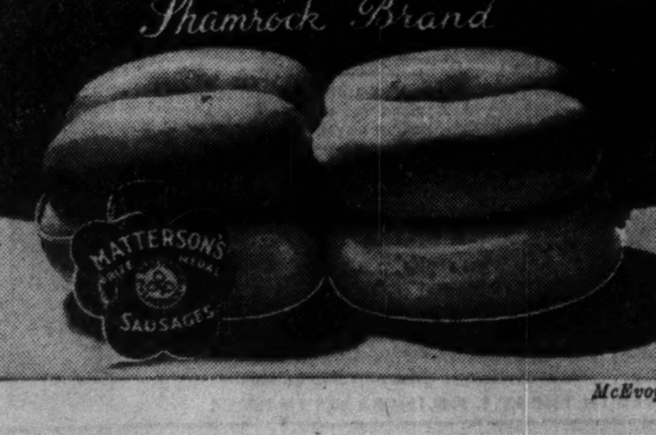
It is understood that the estate of Lord Riddell has been provisionally valued for probate at about £2,000,000. Lord Riddell, who was 69, died on December 5th.

Throughout his life he gave great practical help to a wide range of charities, and it is expected that a number of institutions, including hospitals, will benefit from his estate.

One of the outstanding figures of modern journalism, Lord Riddell was the possessor of an acute mind rendered even more keen by earlier experience as a solicitor. He became chairman of "The News of the World, Limited," a director of "George Newnes, Limited," of "Arthur Pearson, Limited," and other important companies. He was also chairman of the Newspaper Proprietors' Association.

Always a keen supporter of the work of the Newspaper Press Fund, in February he was elected president.

Lord Riddell left no heir. His widow, Lady Riddell, is a daughter of the late Mr. D. W. Allardice, of Rock Ferry, Cheshire.



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BRILLIANT GATHERING AT VILLAGE WEDDING

LORD AND LADY GRANARD'S GUESTS

THE DRESSES AND THE LIST OF PRESENTS

By a Special Correspondent.

NEVER before has the village of Clonguish, Newtown Forbes, in the County Longford, had so many distinguished people as were to be seen in the little village church yesterday, when Lady Moira Forbes, elder daughter of the Earl and Countess of Granard, was married to the Comte Louis de Brantes.

As the guests arrived in the church they were escorted to their pews by the ushers, the Earl of Dumfries and Viscount Forbes.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with large groups of flowering and ornamental foliage plants, Azalea Indica, Lillium Longiflorum, Heaths, Kentias, etc., with backgrounds of graceful palms and bamboos, edged with ferns and tall stately palms spaced about the church. The scheme, which was suggested by the Countess of Granard, was carried out by Ramsays, 50 Nassau street, Dublin, and the Royal Nurseries, Ballsbridge.

The plants and flowers were arranged among the glowing lights of many branched candlesticks placed on the altar.

The bridegroom, accompanied by his best man, Comte d'Endeville, and his father, General Marquis de Brantes, were early arrivals. General Marquis de Brantes wore the uniform of a General of the French Army, with orders and decorations, while Comte de Brantes wore the uniform of a Captain in the French Army.

A STRIKING FIGURE

The bride, who was given away by her father, the Earl of Granard, Master of the King's Horse, made a striking figure as she walked slowly up the aisle of the church, which was filled to capacity with friends from France, England and Ireland. Her beautiful gown of rich ivory satin beauté was of a perfectly plain design. No fulness was introduced in the corsage, which had a V-shaped neckline, but a posy of orange blossoms was pinned in the front of the bodice, which had long tight sleeves. The skirt was cut with a flared godet in the centre front, and from the back panel a full Court train was introduced, which widened into a fan shape. A narrow belt of the material round her waist was caught with a clasp of orange blossom buds.

The bride wore a magnificent tiara of diamonds, an heirloom of the de Brantes family, the gift of Comte de Brantes. From this tiara was arranged a lovely veil of Point D'Angleterre lace, which had been worn by the Countess of Granard at her own wedding. The veil fell to the ground to form a second train over the satin one of the gown. Her ornaments also included a double rope of pearls, and a crystal bracelet set with emeralds. Instead of a bouquet she carried a white kid prayer book.

The only bridesmaid was Miss Penelope Packe, who was also one of the attendants at the wedding of the Countess of Dumfries. She wore a gown of ash-rose angel-skin lace, fashioned on slim lines, with a flared frill forming fullness below the knees. Long tight sleeves were joined to the bodice at the back only, while a silken cord, ending with long blue silk tassels, outlined the neckline, and was tied at the back. With this toilette she wore a swathed turban in the same shade of blue and pink velvet, and carried a sheaf bouquet of pink carnations. The bridegroom's gift to her was a turquoise ring and clip.

PROCESSION FROM THE CHURCH

After the ceremony the officiating clergy preceded the bridal procession down the aisle of the church. Scenes of great enthusiasm were witnessed outside the church. The members of the Irish pipers' band struck up the "Marseillaise" and other appropriate tunes, and piped the happy couple up the long avenue to the castle, where the reception was held.

The Countess of Granard, with the Comte and Comtesse de Brantes, received the guests in the library, from which they passed through to the marquees which had been erected on the lawns outside, where refreshments were served, and here the wedding cake was later cut by the bride, holding her husband's sword. The health of the bridal couple was proposed in French by the French Minister.

The Countess of Granard was wearing an elegant gown of sapphire blue velvet, with short full puff sleeves and long white kid gloves. Her becoming toque was composed of three tones of interlaced velvet, into which was pinned a large diamond brooch.

Later in the afternoon the bride and bridegroom left for Scribblestown Park, Castleknock, County Dublin, the residence of the bride's aunt, Lady Eva Forbes, where the first part of the honeymoon will be spent before subsequently sailing for the United States.

The bride travelled in a mink fur coat, worn over a dark brown crêpe-de-chine frock, the draped neckline of which was caught by a gold buckle. A brown velvet hat, brown bag and shoes completed her toilette.

THE DRESSES

Among the guests, the Marquise de Brantes, mother of the bridegroom, wore a handsome gown of black velvet, trimmed with sable, with a short black coat, also sable trimmed. Her black hat was finished with a gold plume. Madame Schneider, the 82-year-old grandmother of the bridegroom, who had travelled all the way from France to be present at the wedding, was a notable figure in a gown of bright grey satin, worn with a sable cape and a hat to tone. The Countess of Dumfries was in a charming gown of two-toned green marocain, with a velvet hat in the same shade of green to match. Green shoes and handbag and a mink fur coat completed her toilette.

The Comtesse de Brantes, sister-in-law of the bridegroom, wore a graceful gown of prune-coloured marocain, trimmed with flat ruching at the rounded neck-line, and full sleeves. She wore a prune velvet hat and a fur cape, with shoes to match her gown. The Comtesse de Castellanne was in navy moiré, with a short coatee to match, trimmed with cartridge pleating. Her hat was in matching navy blue.

Lady Eva Forbes was in a smart mulberry-red marocain gown, trimmed at the neck with a gold tissue rose, worn under a fur-trimmed coat in the same shade, and a hat to match, with a feather mount. Elizabeth Countess of Fingall was in a becoming black velvet ensemble, with furs, and a black toque. Lady de Freyne, wearing a smart cedar-brown two-piece suit, with a felt hat to tone, mounted with an orange-coloured quill, was accompanied by her daughters, the Hon. Patricia French, who wore a black felt hat with her oatmeal-coloured coat, and the Hon. Jeanne French, who was in a plum-coloured suit, with a small hat, in the same shade. Lady Mary Corbally was attired in a black velvet hat, with a black coat, trimmed with squirrel fur. Mrs. W. T. Cosgrave was in a black astrachan-collared coat and a black felt hat. Mrs. Orr Denby wore a stranded mink coat over a navy blue frock, with a straight-brimmed navy felt hat, while Mrs. Grattan Bellew's black dress was worn with a short seal fur coat, and a smart black felt hat.

Interested spectators of the scene as the guests arrived back at the Castle were the year-and-nine-months-old twin sons of the Earl and Countess of Dumfries. Lord Cardiff, the elder of the twins, is fair, with the blue eyes and colouring of Lady Dumfries, while in distinct contrast is the Hon. David Crichton-Stuart, who has brown curly hair and dark-brown eyes. They were each attired in pale duck egg blue suits.

The excellent arrangements for the welfare and comfort of the guests were in the hands of Mr. Meredith, Comptroller of the Household, who was tireless in his efforts both at the church and later at the Castle.

THE GIFTS

Among those who sent presents were:—

The Princess Royal and Earl of Harewood—Clock in case.
Staff of the Department of the Master of the Horse, Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle—Gold cigarette case.
Princess George and Prince Peter of Greece—Silver basket.
Members of the Hunt—Silver salver.
Village of Newtown Forbes—Silver cup.
Longford Show Committee—Silver bowl.
Mohill Show Committee—Silver tray.
The Staff, Castle Forbes, Forbes House, and 73 Rue de Varenne, Paris—Silver salver.
French Minister and Madame Guerlet—Silver basket.
Lady Ward—Oriental plate.
Lady Lowther—Fur rug.
Lady Margaret Mackae—Ash tray and match box.
Miss Rosario Scrope—Glass ash trays.
Miss Penelope Packe—Cigarette box.
Nurse Lee—Silver tray.
Macqueline de Lubersal—Silver cup.
Miss Slater—Silver ash tray.
Mrs. Walsh—Cigarette case.
Lady Shaftesbury—Pen.
Duchess of Norfolk—Bottles in case.
Lord and Lady Airlie—Poker chips.
Elizabeth Countess of Fingall—Match box.
Sir Henry and Lady Joan Verney—Shooting stick.
Lady Mary Corbally—Silver sweet dishes.
Mr. and Mrs. Peyton—Silver calendar.
Sir Frederick and Lady Moore—Green rug.
Mr. and Mrs. James McCann—Silver pepper and salt.
Mr. and Mrs. Lionel de Rothschild—Cocktail table.
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony de Rothschild—Silver fruit dish.
Mr. and Mrs. Morgan—Silver sauce boat.
Lady Fitzwygram—Silver slop basin.
Mrs. Arthur James—Silver-topped decanter.
Duchess of Roxburghe—Old china jardiniere.
Mrs. B. Greville—Vase.
Colonel and Mrs. Spender Clay—Enamel cigarette case.
Lady Harcourt—Standard lamp.
Major and Mrs. Bellingham—China ornaments.
Colonel Lefroy—Barometer.
Captain and Lady M. Saville—Gilt bowl and vases.
Misses Dorothy and Jean Dupuy—Cigarette case.
Count and Countess Du Bourg de Boya—Leather case.
Mr. and Mrs. Purdon—Glass plate.
The Royal Mews—Gold cigarette case.
The Rev. M. Browne—Writing case.
Sir E. and Lady Packe—Bezique pack.
Sir H. and Lady Zia Wernher—Enamel bell.
Miss Goodwin—Silver box.
Mrs. Boyd-Rochfort—Blue rug.
Mr. and Mrs. P. Kelly—Linen.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Browne—Silver candlesticks.
Mr. Bernard Daly—Powder box.
Mrs. Lyons and Family—Menu holders.
Staff, Bank of Ireland—Drawings.
Senator and Mrs. Gogarty—Silver ships.
Father Farrell—Prayer-book.
Sir Arthur and Lady Erskine—Looking glass.
Mrs. Kiernan—Linen.
Father Daly—Prayer-book.
Lady Maureen Brabazon—Shooting stick.
Elizabeth and Alfred Hughes—Lamps.
Mr. and Mrs. Orr—Silver clock.
Miss Hempenstall Stand, horse's head.
Lord and Lady Fitzalan Howard—Fancy glass.
Captain and Mrs. King Harman—Tapestry evening bag.
Lady Ludlow—Cigarette case.
Lord and Lady Lansdowne—Barometer.
Sir F. and Lady Ponsonby—Pair of book ends.
Misses Lizi and Betty Trafford—Hunting Books.
Lady Maureen Fitzgerald — Waterford glass jug.
Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop—Cortier clock.
Prince Pierre de Monaco—Bottles in case.
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick—Opera glasses.
Mrs. Michael McCann—Glass decanter.
Mrs. MacNamara—Silver dish.
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Delany—Powder box.
Miss Olga Atkinson—Book stands.
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cosgrave—Silver tray.
Mrs. Pearse—Silver plate.
Betty and David McCall—Lace cover.
Lord Colum Crichton Stuart—Silver coffee jugs.
Mr. and Mrs. Merry—Silver candlesticks.
Earl and Countess of Fingall—Glass vase.
Mr. Ronald Tree—Black and gold lacquer table.
Mr. S. Cameron—Travelling clock.
Lord and Lady Jersey—Mirror.
Lord and Lady Enniskillen—Mirror vase.
Dr. and Mrs. Delaney—Crystal vases.
Baronne Lycium—Drawing of Gouvé.
Mademoiselle Lycium—Silver tray.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Duncan—Silver jam pot.
Major and Mrs. Murray Graham—Table clock and blue glass.
Lord and Lady Charles Montagu—Old sugar basin, 1793.
Lady Ribblesdale—Old silver salver.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Fitzgerald—China electric lamp.
Mr. and Mrs. Carberry—Linen.
Marquess and Marchioness of Bute—Tea set.
Duke and Duchess of Devonshire—Jade ornaments.
Mrs. Clifton—Tea caddy.
Lord and Lady de Freyne—12 glasses.
Lord and Lady Bradford — Marble ash trays.
Comte and Comtesse Andre de Limus—Silver bowl.
Lord Southborough—Dispatch box.
Mrs. More-O'Ferrall—Lamp shade.
Superintendent and Mrs. Liddy—China bowl.
Lord and Lady Stanley—Oak knife tray.
Mr. Skeffington Smyth—Travelling rug.
Lord and Lady Rossmore—Cut-glass decanters.
Dr. Alan Mooney—Silver fox-head inkpot.
Mr. James McMahon—Worcester china bowl.
Mr. and Mrs. James Ganly—Silver sugar sifter and cream jug.
Sir Thomas and Lady Myles—Travelling rug.
Mr. and Mrs. Bohan—Books.

The catering was carried out by Messrs. Mills, Ltd.

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AVOCA SCHOOL PRIZE DAY

PRINCIPAL AND THE IRISH LANGUAGE

The Rev. M. E. Greening, B.D., Blackrock, presided at the annual distribution of prizes in connection with Avoca School, which was held after a dramatic entertainment in the school hall yesterday.

The Principal, Mr. Cyril Parke, reading his report, said that it was the one object of Avoca School to teach boys to be tolerant, to be cultured, and to be gentlemen. He held that the encouragement of tolerance and culture were essential to them in after life.

Referring to the successes of the hockey club, he said that during the season three Avoca boys were selected to represent Ireland in hockey internationals, while five others had received interprovincial caps for Leinster. They had been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. D J. Coulson, an Irish international hockey player, and an old boy of the school, as coach of the school team.

It was with deep regret that he referred to the death of Mr. A. McDonagh, who, in 1891, had founded the school, and who had remained as its headmaster until his death last March.

The Rev. M. E Greening, B.D., in the course of his address, said that parents should inculcate a spirit of tolerance in their children, so that they might live in harmony and peace with their neighbours in the Free State.

Parents also should see to it that their children studied the Irish language with diligence and concentration, and not merely as a matter of form or as a hardship. A second language was good in after life, provided that English was the mother tongue—but many people might not agree with this.

Immediately preceding the distribution of prizes pupils of the school presented a play entitled "Vice Versa," which was well received by the gathering of parents and their friends.

"CHURCH OF IRELAND GAZETTE"

The current issue of the *Church of Ireland Gazette* contains another interesting excerpt from the Primate's book, "The Adventures of a Bishop." The leading articles deal with Christmas, the New Star, and the Responsibilities of the Christian Ministry. Mr. Chillingworth writes a stimulating article on Sunday and Other Things. The Young People's Corner is typical, and correspondence, etc., show no signs of flagging.

THE "NEW STAR" IN HERCULES

OBSERVED AT ARMAGH

The remarkable Nova in the constellation Hercules has been under observation at Armagh Observatory since the day following its discovery. First noticed as a star of the third magnitude on the early morning of December 13th, it was picked up without difficulty here on the evening of the 14th. The early announcements in the Press proved to be in error in several respects. In the first place it was said to be only visible in the early morning, before sunrise, rising at that time; and doubtfully in the evening after sunset. In fact, it is easily visible all night, for the portion of the heavens in which it lies never sets in these latitudes. In the evening, as soon as darkness falls, it is high in the sky, and conspicuously visible to the naked eye, till near 11 p.m., when it descends for a time close to the Northern horizon, and is liable to be obscured by mists. But, given a fairly clear sky in the North it can be seen at any time of the night.

In the next place its position was described as about a third of the way between the star Iota Draconis and Vega. It would be much more correctly described as just half-way between Beta Draconis and Vega. And this is far easier to find than the former direction. In fact, find Vega, and the new star will find itself. As soon as it is quite dark at this time of year Vega is the brightest star in the Western sky. It is high above the horizon at 5 p.m., but descends towards the North-West as the evening advances, and at 10.30 p.m. it is low down and about due North-West. To the right of Vega, and somewhat higher up, the eye will easily recognise a lozenge, diamond, or rhombus shaped group of stars, two fairly bright ones at the obtuse angles of the rhomb, two fainter at the acute angles. This is the "Dragon's Head," and the two brighter stars are his eyes; supposed to be glaring down at Hercules, who is striving to slay the monster. Now, the Dragon's eyes are Gamma and Beta Draconis, Beta being the fainter and the more distant from Vega. Now, in the blank space between Vega and the Dragon's head shines a star which, at the time of writing, is brighter than Gamma Draconis. This is the "Nova," and it lies almost exactly on the line joining Vega and Beta Draconis, and half-way between the two.

RISING STEADILY

A third mistake was that at the time of its discovery the Nova had passed its maximum. So far was this from being the case that it has risen steadily since. On the evening of Sunday, the 16th December, it had increased by more than a whole magnitude; and whereas at discovery it was a rather poor 3rd magnitude, and not as bright as Beta Draconis, on the Sunday evening it was as bright as Gamma, which is a full 2nd magnitude. The evening of the 17th was cloudy and raining, and the star could not be seen. The early evening of the 18th was not much better, but about 11 p.m., the sky cleared to the north, and the Nova was seen to be distinctly brighter than Gamma Draconis. Ever since its discovery its colour has been white or greenish, and the spectroscope shows the dark lines of hydrogen, just as in the spectrum of Vega and the other white stars. This of itself is sufficient to show that the star is in its first stage, its light still increasing. It is, indeed, a very slow Nova. Such stars usually rush up to their maximum brightness in a few hours, and then soon change colour and begin to show the hydrogen lines bright instead of dark.

Another Press misapprehension was contained in a paragraph headed "New Star" Find Exploded. This read as if the find had proved a "marc's nest." But what the author of the statement meant was that the find was an exploded star; and this much at least is evident.

It is clear that the star was not visible to the naked eye before the morning of the 13th December. The writer of these notes was showing to a companion the region of Vega and the Dragon's Head on the evening of the 12th, about 9 o'clock, and the presence of a strange star in the space between could not have escaped notice. In the case of the great Nova in Aquila in June, 1918, the star rose to a brilliant first magnitude in a few hours, and immediately began to decline, changing colour from white to red, and showing brilliant lines of hydrogen vapour in the spectroscope. The later career of the present Nova will be carefully followed, as appearances seem to indicate that it has not even yet attained its maximum lustre, and may possibly reach first magnitude before beginning to decline. Tycho Brahe's great Nova in 1572 continued to rise for some days after its discovery, and became as bright as Venus and visible in daylight before beginning to decline.

THE DAYLIGHT

In a paragraph in the *Morning Post*, the Astronomer Royal is made to say that the present Nova is "easily visible in broad daylight." He meant, however, that it was visible in daylight through the telescope, which is not remarkable. A star of the 2nd or 3rd magnitude is always visible in daylight through a telescope of sufficient power: though the popular belief that stars can be seen in daylight from the bottom of a well, chimney, or pit shaft is a fallacy. The fact is that the light of the daytime sky, seen from the darkness of such a shaft, is so intensely vivid that the eye can hardly bear it, and it would effectually drown even a first magnitude star if such could be poised over a shaft. There are no first magnitude stars far enough North to pass through our zenith, and only five of the second which can pass the zenith anywhere in the British Isles. Of these five, Gamma Draconis is one, and it passes through the zenith of Greenwich, and is thus a very useful star, indeed, zenith stars being used for exact determinations of latitude. It goes without saying that the latitude of Greenwich is the most important of all latitudes to determine accurately.

The nature of Novæ is one of the unsolved problems of astronomy. The only event capable of producing such a stupendous outburst of light in a body of the nature of a star (for the stars are suns) seems to be a collision of some kind. If it only concerned the visible stars, it would be, indeed, difficult to account for collisions so frequent as the appearances of Novæ are. But there must be vast numbers of dark bodies in space, similar to the stars in everything but light. Possibly they may be even far more numerous than the luminous stars. A collision with one of these would be quite capable of producing such an outburst as is seen in the case of a Nova. Another suggestion is that the star may have charged into a nebula, producing, on a far vaster scale, the same effect as a meteorite does when it charges into our atmosphere.

Wm. F. A. Ellison.
Armagh Observatory.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ST. COLUMBA'S COLLEGE

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—I should be grateful if you would allow me space to make a statement regarding the closing of the College of St. Columba on 12th December last, a few days before the normal end of term.

The true facts are that a visitor arrived from England on December 10th; on the following day he was found to have both diphtheria and scarlet fever. All contacts were immediately immunised, and it was decided to close the College forthwith. This was done, and no further cases have been reported.

The point I wish to emphasise is that the diphtheria and scarlet fever could not possibly have been contracted at the College.—Yours, etc.,

C. W. Sowby, Warden.
College of St. Columba, Rathfarnham,
Co. Dublin, December 18th, 1934.

LOST DOGS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—The number of stray dogs brought to the Dogs' Home at Grand Canal quay during the past few days has been very large—many of these are obviously well-cared for dogs, and the police tell us that they are found straying in the busy shopping centres.

May I once again appeal to owners of dogs not to bring them into the city during the Christmas rush. Even when on a lead they are likely to be walked on, and must be distressed by the crowds and traffic.—Yours, etc.,

Edna Power, Secretary.
Dublin Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 29 South Frederick street, Dublin, C. 2, December 20th, 1934.

ON THE WIRELESS

Daily Programme Review

DUBLIN: Musical Comedy, "Masquerade," Tom Madden and Co., **8.**

BELFAST: Christmas Rhymers from Fairview, Ballyclare, **7.50.**

B.B.C. NATIONAL: Play, "The Little Boy," by E. M. Delafield, **8.30.**

ALL REGIONALS (except NORTH) AND BELFAST: "Eugene Onegin," Act II. (Tchaikowsky), from the Old Vic., **9.20.**

NORTH REGIONAL: Pantomime Rehearsals, **7.30.**

LEIPZIG: Symphony Concert. Richard Wetz programme, **9.35.**

BEROMUNSTER: Opera, "Das Christelflein" (Pfitzner), **7.15.**

THE items in the Dublin programme to-night are specially interesting. Fred Stone (pianoforte), who soon has to leave Dublin in order to fulfil engagements in Italy—where he has been invited to appear with Sydney Jameson, the well-known Dublin singer—will give a joint recital with Bay Jellett (violin). As one would expect, their programme for broadcasting has been chosen with taste and care. (Dublin, 9.15).

J. Clarke-Barry's Quartet, which gave so much pleasure with their playing recently, will be heard to-night in a programme of Irish music by Clarke-Barry, including Overture "Aonach Tailteann," at 10.40.

At 7.30 Grace O'Brien will give a talk interesting to a great many at the moment. She takes as her subject Christmas Music.

Paul Hindewith will personally conduct a first performance in the British Isles of his Symphonie, "Mathis der Maler" ("Mathias the Painter") in the B.B.C. Concerts of Contemporary Music Series to-night. The work was inspired by three pictures forming part of the famous Isenheim altar-piece of Mathias Grünewald, now in the Colmar Museum. The three movements in the symphony conceived by the pictures that inspired Hindewith are: "Concert of Angels," "Interment" and "Temptation of St. Anthony." This work and one other, in which Irene Kohler is the pianist, is Concert Music for pianoforte, brass and harps. (Droitwich, 10.15).

The people who think that the telling of sad stories for the festive season died with the Victorian days are wrong. To-night we are to sit with eyes a little red and throats a little choky, surrounded by decorations intended to brighten us and keep our spirits high, just as we did long ago when we listened to the story, told by some well-meaning aunt, of the poor little match girl, and had a thorough good cry. To-night we shall hear "The Little Boy."

The difference now is that we are to hear the modern sad story in the modern way—by means of radio—when we have the advantage of an alternative programme, whereas with auntie none dared but listen. The play for broadcasting has been written by the well-known author, E. M. Delafield, and is about "one hair-dresser—'a harmless little chap keen on his job, devoted to his kiddie.' There's a wife who drinks and nags him and neglects his child. In a quarrel with her husband she is killed. He hides the body. What then?"

"The Little Boy" will be repeated in the Regional programme to-morrow night.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES

DUBLIN—223 Metres (1,348 Kc.) (1 Kw.). **ATHLONE — 531 Metres** (565 Kc.) (60 Kw.), and **CORK — 242 Metres** (1,240 Kc.) (1 Kw.).

1.30-2. 0—Time, Stock, Weather and Gramophone.
6. 0—Children's Hour. Mairin Ni Sheaghda. The Dublin Children's Theatre. Play: "Lusmore at Knockrath," by Sean Crawford. Jack MacGarvey (banjo and guitar).
6.45—News Bulletin.
7. 0—Aodh de Blacam—Literary and Dramatic Talk.
7.15—W. P. Clifford—Cheese-making.
7.30—Time.
7.30—Grace O'Brien—Christmas Music.
8. 0—Val Vousden (entertainer)—Original Monologues.
8.15—Tom Madden and Co.: Musical Comedy in two acts, with Orchestra, "Masquerade."
9.30—Bay Jellett and Fred Stone—Violin and Piano Recital. Violin Solos: Aria (Porpora), Minuet (Porpora-Kreisler). Piano Solos: 3 Etudes (Chopin). Violin: None but the weary heart (Tschaikowsky). Irish Reel (Stanford). Violin and Piano: Finale from Sonatina in G major (Dvorak).
10. 0—Sponsored Programme.
10.30—Time, News, Weather.
10.40—J. Clarke-Barry's Quartet in Irish Music. Overture, Aonach Tailteann (Clarke-Barry); Souvenir of Killarney. Moonlight; Innisfallen Valse (Clarke-Barry); Irish Jigs, Reels, Hornpipes.
11. 0—Close down.

BELFAST—267.4 Metres (1,122 Kc.) (1 Kw.).

10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30—Weather Forecast for Farmers and Shipping
10.45—Regional Programme.
11.45—An Organ Recital by Albert Taylor.
12.15—Regional Programme.
5.15—Children's Hour.
5.55—Regional Bulletin for Farmers.
6. 0—Time, News and Weather.
6.30—London Regional Programme.
7.15—"For Ulster Farmers." J. Houston, D.Sc. (Queen's University): "Bull Recording in the Dairy Herd."
7.30—Flute Trio: Harry Dyson, Arthur Hedges, George Willoughby.
7.50—Christmas Rhymers: A Country Programme, relayed from Fairview, Ballyclare.
8.20—London Regional Programme.
9.20—Act II. of Tchaikovsky's Opera, "Eugene Onegin."
10. 5—Weather, News and Time
10.15—Weather Forecast for Northern Ireland.
10.15-12.0—London Regional Programme.

ALL REGIONALS TILL 5.15.

10.45—The Western Studio Orchestra.
11.45—An Organ Recital by Ernest W. Maynard
12.15—Gramophone.
12.45—The B.B.C. Midland Orchestra.
1.45—Gramophone.
2.30—The Coventry Hippodrome Orchestra.
3.30—The Leon Wayne Sextet and Elizabeth Scott (Mezzo-soprano).
4.45-5.15—Gramophone.

NATIONAL—1,500 Metres (200 Kc.) (30 Kw.).

10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30—Weather Forecast for Farmers and Shipping.
10.45—Reginald New at the Organ of the Regal, Kingston-on-Thames.
11.30—The New Victoria Cinema Orchestra.
12.30—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.
1.15—Chamber Music: The Norris Stanley Trio: Norris Stanley (violin), Harry Miller (violoncello), Charles Badham (pianoforte).
2. 0—The 41st Annual Banquet to Little Londoners, organised by the Trustees of the Treloar Crippled Children's Christmas Hamper Fund.
2.30—Gramophone.
3.15—To Unemployed Clubs: John Hilton: "This and That."
3.35—The B.B.C. Northern Orchestra.
4.15—The Hotel Metropole Orchestra, under the direction of Emilio Colombo.
5.15—The Squire Celeste Octet.
6. 0—Time, News, Weather.
6.25—Weekly Bulletin of Special Notices.
6.30—Keyboard Talk, "Beethoven," D. F. Tovey, Mus.Doc. (Reid Professor of Music, Edinburgh University).
6.50—"In Your Garden," C. H. Middleton.
7.10—From Plainsong to Purcell.
7.30—The B.B.C. Orchestra and Frank Phillips (baritone).
8.30—"The Little Boy," a play for broadcasting, by E. M. Delafield.
9.30—Time, News, Weather.
10. 0—Short Story, "The Town of Ugly People," by J. G. Temple.
10.15—B.B.C. Concerts of Contemporary Music, a Hindemith Programme; Irene Kohler (pianoforte), the B.B.C. Orchestra.
11.15—Extract from "Sybil," by Lord Beaconsfield, read by Ronald Watkins (to-day is the anniversary of the birth of Lord Beaconsfield).
11.20-12.0—Dance Music, Harry Roy and his Band.

LONDON REGIONAL—342.1 Metres (877 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30—Weather Forecast for Farmers and Shipping.
10.45—Regional.
5.15—Children's Hour.
6. 0—Time, News, Weather.
6.30—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.
7.15—The Wireless Military Band and Hebe Simpson (soprano).
8.20—The Ridgeway Parade.
9.20—Act II. of Tchaikovsky's Opera, "Eugene Onegin." Scene, a Ballroom in Lavina's House, relayed from the Old Vic.
10. 5—News, Weather, Time.
10.15—Gramophone.
10.30-12.0—Harry Roy and his Band.

MIDLAND REGIONAL—391.1 Metres (767 Kc.) (25 Kw.).

10.45—Regional.
5.15—Children's Hour.
6. 0—Time, News, Weather.
6.30—London Regional.
7.15—The Rushden Mission Band, Laura Mann (songs at the pianoforte).
8. 0—A Recital: Reginald Morgan (tenor) and Leonard Dennis (violoncello).
8.30—Jack Wilson and his Versatile Five.
9.20—London Regional.
10. 5—News, Weather.
10.15-11.20—London Regional.

WEST REGIONAL—307.1 Metres (977 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30—Weather Forecast for Farmers and Shipping.
10.45—Regional.
5.15—Children's Hour.
6. 0—Time, News, Weather.
6.30—London Regional.
7.30—A Programme of Some of the Compositions of Carlyon de Lyle (Maude Wingate): Carlyon de Lyle (pianoforte), The Lockier-Grosvenor Sextet.
8.20—Belfast.
10. 5—News, Weather, Time.
10.15—Welsh.
10.20-12.0—London Regional.

NORTH REGIONAL—449.1 Metres (668 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30—Weather Forecast for Farmers and Shipping.
10.45—Regional.
5.15—Children's Hour.
6. 0—Time, News, Weather.
6.30—London Regional.
7.15—"The Fratchingtons of Fratchingthorpe."
7.30—"Pantorama," a brief microphone tour of pantomime rehearsals, relayed from Manchester, Newcastle, Liverpool, and Leeds: "Cinderella," at the Prince's Theatre, Manchester, presented by Francis Laidler; "The Babes in the Wood," at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle, presented by Julian Wylie; "Cinderella," at the Empire Theatre, Liverpool, presented by Tom Arnold; "Mother Goose," at the Theatre Royal, Leeds, presented by Francis Laidler.
8.20—Belfast.
9.20—"Kyngge Minstrelle," a Programme by the Waytes accordyng to the auncient custome for Yuletide nyghtes," arranged by Alfred Dunning, produced by Robin Whitworth.
10. 5—News, Weather, Time.
10.15-12.0—London Regional.

SCOTTISH REGIONAL—373.1 Metres (804 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30—Weather Forecast for Farmers and Shipping.
10.45—Regional.
5.15—Scottish Children's Hour.
6. 0—Time, News, Weather.
6.30—Gardening Talk: Guy Morison. "Insect Pests of Garden Crops during Winter."
6.45—Excerpts from Programmes in the Week Beginning December 23.
6.55—The Glasgow Gaelic Musical Association; Cathie B. Maclean (soprano).
7.30—"Spare Time: Making the best of it." Louise M. Cheetham, "Women Work."
7.45—The Scottish Studio Orchestra.
8.20—Belfast.
10. 5—News, Weather, Time.
10.15—Scottish Dance Music: The Scottish Studio Orchestra.
10.35-12 0—London Regional.

ON THE CONTINENT

BEROMUNSTER (539.6 m.)—7.15-9.15 p.m.—Christelflein, Fairy Opera in Two Acts (Pfitzner). The Berne Municipal Orchestra. Conductor, Lertz.

KONIGSBERG (291 m.)—8.0-9.0—Concert Version of Christelflein, Fairy Opera (Pfitzner). The Opera House Orchestra and Station Choir. Conductor, Seidler.

LEIPZIG (382.2 m.)—9.35-10.30 p.m.—Richard Wetz Concert by the Leipzig Symphony Orchestra, and Soloist. Conductor, Blumer.

MUNICH (405.4 m.)—8.0-9.0 p.m.—Bon Appéte, Sequence for Musical Epicures (Peter Paul Althaus); the Station Schrammel Ensemble; the Sommel Kloss Chamber Orchestra and Soloists.

PARIS (Poste Parisien) (312.8 m.)—8.15-10.30 p.m.—Flossie, Operetta (A. Szulc).

PARIS (PTT) (431.7 m.)—8.30 p.m.—Wiener Frauen, Operetta in Three Acts (Strauss), relayed from the Trianon-Lyrique Theatre. Conductor, Sylvio Mosse.

ROME (420.8 m.)—7.45-10.0 p.m.—The Circus Princess, Operetta (Kalman). Conductor, Josi.

STRASBOURG (349.2 m.)—8.30-10.30 p.m.—Programme relayed from the Theatre Moulins. Part I., Bourbonne Folk Songs, arranged for Choir. Part II., Le Cœur du Moulin, Opera in Two Acts (de Sévérac). Conductor, Marcel Labey.

TOULOUSE (328.6 m.)—10.30 p.m.-11.15—Concert Version of Mam'zelle Nitouche, Operetta (Hervé).

VIENNA (506.8 m.)—7.0-9.50 p.m.—Fredegundis, Opera (Schmidt).

TOURING THEATRICAL COMPANIES

CAMPAIGN AGAINST "BOGUS MANAGERS"

The question of how to combat the bogus "theatre manager" was discussed at a meeting of managers of Free State theatrical touring companies in Wynn's Hotel, Dublin, yesterday. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Irish Touring Managers' Guild, with Mr. J. Johnson as chairman.

A letter from Mr. Frank O'Donovan, of O'Donovan Productions, was read, in which he stated that the bogus manager was a serious drawback to the reputation of all professionals in the provinces. The bogus manager was the man who engaged artistes, but had no capital from which to pay their wages if the first week was unsuccessful. He suggested that all secretaries and owners of halls in the important provincial towns should join the Guild, and, by co-operating with it, start a campaign against bogus "shows."

The unfortunate and, perhaps, honest manager who met a patch of bad luck was not the danger. It was the "chancer" who was the menace.

Unfortunately, he added, there are many of these.

A representative of the Irish Authors' and Composers' Association, Mr. P. Kavanagh, commented that in England there is a Theatrical Employers' Protection Act. In Ireland the local authorities could do a great deal towards helping the Touring Managers' Guild.

It was decided to form a special committee to consider the details of a campaign against bogus managers.

In the 121 county boroughs and great towns of England and Wales the births registered in the week ended December 15th numbered 5,922, corresponding to an annual rate of 14.8 per 1,000 living. The deaths numbered 4,934, a rate of 11.1.

CARE OF MENTAL PATIENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINISTER

Reporting to the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Committee, at its meeting yesterday, the Resident Medical Superintendent (Dr. J. O'C. Donelan) said that there were now a total of 3,632 patients in the hospitals at Grangegorman and Portrane. This is an increase of fifty-four on the figures for the corresponding period of last year.

A motion expressing thanks to the Committee of Investigation which recently went to England, Scotland, Wales, Holland and Belgium to study methods of care of the insane in those countries, was passed on the proposal of Mrs. Cosgrave, seconded by Councillor Cahill. The motion referred to the valuable recommendations contained in the Committee's report, and suggested that a copy of the report should be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for the Minister's consideration, and that further discussion should be postponed pending the interview to be held between the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and a sub-committee which had already been appointed. It was also decided to urge the Minister to receive the sub-committee at an early date in order to arrive at a decision as to the nature, extent, and location of the additional buildings now urgently required for the permanent accommodation of patients.

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SCHOOL OVERFLOWING FOR THE PAST FOURTEEN YEARS

THE annual Speech Day in connection with Portora Royal School, Enniskillen, took place on the night of the 19th inst., when the Steele Hall was crowded with parents of the boys and friends of the School. The gathering was remarkable for the large number of parents from a distance who attended, and these included visitors from Belfast, Derry, Dublin, and from the extreme West and South of Ireland.

The Lord Bishop of Clogher, the Right Rev. James MacManaway, D.D., Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided, and with him was Rear-Admiral Nicholas E. Archdale, C.B.E., who distributed the prizes.

After an excellent display of Swedish drill by teams of boys, under Sergeant-Major W. R. Thomas, D.C.M., the physical training instructor, the School choir sang a unison by Handel and an old English folk-song with descant, under the conductorship of Mr. Lloyd Simon, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.O.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

The Headmaster, Rev. E. G. Seale, M.A., in his report, stated that since he had the honour of reading his last report, twelve months' ago, he was glad to say that the progress of the School had been well maintained in all ways. As regards numbers of boarders, a fair, but not infallible, criterion of success, the School was still full, as it had been for the last fourteen years—(applause)—as solid a proof of the confidence of the public in Portora as could be cited. For over a decade, too, as at present, he had been compelled, through lack of accommodation on top of the hill, to billet a number of boys in "waiting houses" in the town, and this arrangement had worked without a hitch.

NEW PREPARATORY SCHOOL

But his Board had at last decided to take another big step forward. They proposed to build a Junior House on a beautiful and sunny slope in their own grounds, which extended, as they knew, over 70 acres. The architect's plans had been passed and the site prepared. This last step had made the condition of their approaches of late like the plains of Flanders in war time; for a procession of innumerable carts laden with the excavated clay from the new site had passed up their avenue and discharged their burden on the junior hockey field. This latter it was proposed to raise and level, and finally tar-macadam, so as to form a fine new parade ground for the O.T.C. This useful but lengthy and expensive bit of work was being carried out on the suggestion of Major-General E. Girdwood, G.O.C. of the troops in Northern Ireland, who himself most kindly gave out the prizes last year, and had done them the honour of coming there twice on the occasion of their annual inspections. (Applause.)

The new building, which had been delayed by the unparalleled rains of the past four months, would set free a good deal of space now occupied by their junior boarders and help them to their ideal of 150 boarders, which seemed quite a sufficient number with which any headmaster could keep in personal touch, unless the house system be extended much more than seemed practicable at Portora.

TEST OF EXAMINATION

The progress of the School, as shown by another useful test, public examinations, had also been satisfactory. At the Senior Certificate examination ten of their eleven candidates passed, three with distinction. One gained an exhibition, and another one of the few prizes awarded, both on the literary side. First place in Latin and third place in Greek were also taken, and altogether the results were in advance of any gained for some years. (Applause.) The results of the Junior Certificate examination were not so good, largely owing to the sudden death last Christmas holidays of Mr. Stephen Knott, a very promising, attractive and capable young master, whose loss they all deplored. Since summer, however, their mathematical and science sides had been greatly strengthened by the addition of two gentlemen whose qualifications for teaching mathematics and physics were of the highest, one, indeed, being the University Student in Mathematics of his year. In fact, he did not think that the quality of their teaching staff ever stood as high—at least, in his 17 years of office here. (Hear, hear.) He wished gratefully to thank his colleagues, and not least Mr. A. T. M. Murfet, who acted for him during his brief enforced absence, for their helpfulness and devotion to the School. No one could wish to have a more loyal band of colleagues. (Applause.)

The athletic activities of the school had also been satisfactory. The Cricket XI. was somewhat over average. Their Boxing Club, numerically stronger than ever, suffered through the loss of some of its outstanding veterans, and proved the weakest in *personnel* for a good many years. In Rugby they had very few survivors of last year's fine XV.; they feared a lean season, but after one early heavy defeat the team rallied, and had reached the high average which they consistently maintained. They had won or drawn all the others.

'VARSITY SUCCESSES

Nine of their boys entered T.C.D., and one the Queen's University. Three passed for Sandhurst—F. G. Milligan, H. N. Daniels and D. F. Hadoke—a number which atones for our lack of candidates last year. F. J. Costello passed early in the year for the new London Police College, following on a similar success last Christmas. G. N. Ussher and D. Swan were successful in entering the Ulster Bank; J. F. Brownlee had just passed high for the Imperial Civil Service Junior Division. Among their distinctions in T.C.D. (apart from the Medical School, which absorbs some of their best) the winning of the valuable Madden Prize, as a close runner-up for Fellowship, by D. L. Graham, easily took first place. (Applause.) They had often had occasion in the past to chronicle Douglas Graham's many achievements as scholar and athlete. H. G. Woodhouse took first place at Scholarship in Modern History, and more recently a First Class at degree in the same subjects as third Senior Moderator. E. W. Jones, who had just passed his Bar Finals in London, also took First Class Honours in Legal Science; while J. W. R. Rice and T. L. Plewman took good places at Moderatorship. D. Shackleton was selected for a high administrative post in Tanganyika, one of two such appointments in T.C.D. He was now undergoing a year's training at Cambridge. (Applause.)

WHAT OLD PORTORANS HAD DONE

Among the Old Boys who had kept up their name in the field of sport may be mentioned Robin Pratt, whose defence against the English XV. in Dublin made them all feel proud of him. H. A. Daniels represented Ireland in international water-polo, while R. H. Wallace added to his already splendid record as a hurdler. Malcolm Graham won his Boxing Colours in T.C.D., and much distinguished himself as a javelin thrower, a branch of sport which, it must be confessed, he did not learn at Portora. (Laughter.)

In the wider world Old Portorans continued to add lustre to the school. J. M. B. Stewart appeared in the last Birthday Honours as receiving the C.I.E. for distinguished services in Burma. This is the third year in succession in which their Old Boys had received such mention. His Majesty must be happily advised. (Applause.)

In the world of letters J. Chartres Molony and S. B. Beckett had added to their well-known reputation. J. N. C. Davidson, too, in addition to a first novel, had made his mark by taking a leading part in producing the film "Aran Dance," and a film of George Birmingham's comedy, "General John Regan."

THE O.T.C.

Ten Cadets of the O.T.C.—a body of which the school had great reason to be proud—took Certificate "A." They understood that Portora ranked very high among public schools of a similar establishment in the matter of such certificates won. They had nearly finished roofing, heating and lighting their miniature shooting-range, so as to make it usable at all seasons of the year. The preparation of the new tar-macadamed parade ground had been steadily proceeding, but, owing to the extreme wet, could not be finished for some months.

HEALTH OF SCHOOL

He might add that the general health of the school, and its freedom from epidemics, remained exceptionally good. It would be impossible to surpass Dr. Kidd as a school medical officer, or indeed to overstress his value to the town (Applause.)

At this point he would like to acknowledge on behalf of his Board and himself the generous bequest by the late Mr. W. T. Buchanan of £500 to found prizes to be identified with his name. That kindly, generous, and liberal-minded man, whose whole life had been devoted to the interests of his Church and town, emphasised in this practical manner the pride which he, although not an old boy of the school himself, with most Enniskilleners, felt in the continued progress of Portora. (Applause.)

THE OLD PORTORA UNION

The Old Portora Union was never so strong as at present. Founded some 14 years ago on the suggestion of the late Primate Crozier (whose son, Canon J. W. Crozier, one of their keenest vice-presidents, was recently appointed, to the great pleasure of them all, Archdeacon of Dublin), the Union included, besides a large number of annual subscribers, 107 life members, and rested on a strong financial basis. The recent annual dinner, held in Dublin last February, with their President, Sir Charles Tegart, C.S.I., C.I.E., in the chair, was easily the best attended of its kind since the union had been founded. But even its numbers were surpassed by the inaugural dinner of the newly-founded northern branch. (Applause.) This vigorous branch, due largely to the energy of J. A. Knight and D. W. Pratt, held its first dinner in Belfast last March, under the presidency of Mr. S. C. Clarke, R.M. They offered a warm welcome to this branch. It augured well for the future of a school that could count on such enthusiastic help from its old boys. The union's next annual dinner would be held, it was hoped, at Portora late next May.

Apart from their War Memorial Sanatorium, central heating and their own electric plant, let him briefly enumerate a few of their additions and improvements within the past few years:—The additional wing to the old sanatorium, popularly known as "Liberty Hall," the cricket pavilion, the swimming bath, the science block, the new art building, the music rooms, the ornamental tiling of the Old Stone Hall with the Royal Arms of their founder, James I., in mosaic in the centre; the great improvements in the cricket and Rugby grounds—for the most part, undertaken in or after 1930.

They welcomed their Chairman there that night. He, for one, would miss the Bishop's genial presence, his ever-ready sympathy and his sound judgment. The Chairman, too, would welcome in fitter terms than his their chief guest that evening, Rear-Admiral Archdale. (Applause.) The Admiral had more than once already identified himself with his old school, and at their sports a couple of years ago gave them a convincing proof of his physical energy by finishing second in the old boys' race. (Applause.) It was a happy thing to have here in a school so strongly identified with the Empire so distinguished a representative of that Senior Service which, under God, did more than any other agency to save them from ruin in the Great War.

From what he had said, it was obvious that their board was losing no opportunity of improving and increasing the attractions of the school inside and out. Many thousands of pounds had been spent at Portora in recent years to bring the school and its amenities up to date, and the costly and ambitious programme which they had now in hand was the best proof of their confidence in the future of this ancient and historic school. (Hear, hear.) If, in the decade that lay before them, similar progress was made to that of the past ten years—and he saw no reason why the pace should not be quickened—the future of Portora would be a proud one indeed. (Loud applause.)

NEVER MORE SATISFACTORY

The Chairman said that they had listened to excellent reports from year to year, but he thought they had never heard a more satisfactory report than the one just read by their Headmaster. Their Headmaster and staff had done so well that the boys at Portora thought it a pleasure to work under them. (Laughter.) There was one thing about Mr. Seale: he had the knack of working himself and making everyone else work. (Hear, hear.) He welcomed that night to Portora Admiral Archdale a member of an old Fermanagh family which bore an honoured name. (Applause.)

ADMIRAL ARCHDALE

Having distributed the prizes, Admiral Archdale said that he felt it a great honour to be asked to distribute the prizes at Portora, which was his own old School, in his own town, his own county and own province. (Applause.) It was the first time he had ever distributed prizes at a school, though he had done so on many occasions at athletic meetings. He congratulated the boys who had won prizes, and reminded those who did not get prizes that night that all through their lives there would still be prizes to be won, and they would eventually come out on top if they applied themselves to their task in life. There was always something to be tried for. The Headmaster talked about 150 boarders being as much as any headmaster could cope with. He (the speaker) had one time 1,500 to cope with, though not boys; they were grown-up men, and were very much the same as boys. That was when he had the honour to command the torpedo establishment at Portsmouth, and had 1,000 undergoing instruction. He was then, naturally, their headmaster. Many of these men failed in their examination and went back to sea. They tried something else, and in the end made good. He wished Portora the best of luck. The school buildings had so changed that he scarcely recognised them from the school as he had known it in 1892. Everywhere he saw improvements, and now when they had their new junior school building he felt certain that a still greater prosperity and renown would come to their old school on the hill. (Loud applause.)

After an interval for tea, J. B. Priestly's "Laburnum Grove" was produced, the characters being—"Elsie Radfern," J. M. F. Steed; "Mrs. Lucy Baxley," J. B. Jermyn; "Bernard Baxley," R. L. J. Wright; "George Radfern," P. M. Good; "Harold Russ," E. F. Le Flufy; "Joe Fletton," S. J. de C. Williams; "Mrs. Dorothy Radfern," J. W. H. M'Brien; "Inspector Stack," B. V. Harpur; "Sergeant Morris," H. W. West.

At intervals the School orchestra played selections from the classics.

The proceedings closed with "Portora Cheers" and the singing of "God Save the King."

STORE CATTLE SALES

MESSRS. GAVIN LOW, LTD.

Owing to the near approach of Christmas the sale yesterday was of small dimensions, and the attendance of buyers was also small. All suitable lots were disposed of at about late rates, but this and secondary descriptions met a dragging trade, and less money had to be accepted to effect sales. The next sale will be held on 3rd January. Quotations:—Aberdeen-Angus and Hereford crosses made from 14/- to 18/- per cwt.; horned and polled cattle from 10/- to 16/- per cwt.

MESSRS. GANLY AND SONS.

As is usual about Christmas, there was a small show of cattle offered yesterday, and comprised for the most part secondary and inferior sorts. Although there was a fair attendance of buyers, trade was quieter. Prices were very irregular and uneven, but for the best animals shown late rates were obtained. Quotations:—Aberdeen Angus and Hereford crosses made from 16/- to 18/- per cwt., horned and polly bullocks 12/- to 15/- per cwt., shorthorn heifers 14/- to 16/- per cwt.

PENSIONS IN THE NORTH

LABOUR PARTY PROPOSAL

MINISTER AND COST OF AN INCREASE

From Our Correspondent.

BELFAST, Thursday.

In the Northern House of Commons to-day, Mr. J. Beattie (Labour) continued the debate upon the Labour motion: "That in the opinion of the House a committee should be set up to inquire into the working of the Widows, Orphans and Old Age Pensions Act, such committee to be charged with the task of considering all anomalies and make suggestions as to their removal; also to make recommendations as to the amount of pension to be paid to each person and the age at which it shall be paid."

He said that he had been asked by those on the Government bench where the money was to come from to improve these pensions. That, he contended, would be a matter for the committee which he suggested should be set up. He would be prepared to give the committee an idea where the larger portion of the money required could be obtained.

Proceeding, he suggested that the scope of the pension scheme should be widened, particularly the widows and orphans pension scheme, by bringing in other sections of the community, such as the police and teachers. These other sections would strengthen the fund, and they would be delighted to know that they could be accepted under the contributory widows and orphan pensions scheme.

AN AMENDMENT

Major Shillington (Unionist) moved an amendment to the effect that the Widows and Orphans and Old Age Pensions Acts should continue to be in Northern Ireland the counterpart of similar measures applying to the other parts of the United Kingdom.

He said that the committee suggested by members opposite might decide that the present pensions being paid were too generous in relation to their financial position.

Mr. Grant (Unionist) said that it would be a waste of time to set up any committee, because they in Northern Ireland could not do anything in the matter of finance that was not done on the other side of the Channel.

Mr. P. O'Neill (Nationalist) said that there were thousands of people deprived of pensions although they were intended for them.

Major Hall-Thompson (Unionist) said that when their income was greater than their expenditure, then, and then only, could they consider such a scheme of pensions as had been suggested.

ABSURD ARGUMENTS

The Minister of Labour (Mr. J. M. Andrews) objected to irresponsible statements by the Opposition in regard to the expenditure of public money.

The Opposition, he added, were freer from fetters than any other Opposition in the world, because they knew that the day of reckoning would never come when they would have to foot the bill themselves. He said that the cost of increased pensions and reduced pensionable age would be over £6,000,000. The present cost was £2,210,000, and when they considered that the revenue of Northern Ireland was £10,000,000, they realised how absurd were the arguments put up.

Mr. Henderson (Ind. U.) poured ridicule on the Government, and declared that they could find money for Pig Boards, Hen Boards, Turkey Boards, and all kinds of boards, but no money for the starving people.

Then followed the scene described on Page 7, leading to the sudden termination of the debate.

FARM LABOURERS' WAGES

Earlier in the day the Minister of Agriculture (Sir Basil Brooke), replying to Mr. H. Midgley (Labour), said it was true that agricultural labourers' wages were somewhat lower in Northern Ireland than in England: so were the profits of the farmers, and for that reason it would not be desirable at the present time to set up any kind of wage-fixing machinery. He believed that, although the wage level was lower in Northern Ireland than in England, the Northern labourers' share of the net agricultural income was at least as great, if not greater, than that of the English labourer. Any attempt to fix a higher level of wages than ruled at present would result in further unemployment.

Sir Robert Lynn (U.) asked if it was not a fact that the low wages of agricultural labourers was chiefly due to the dumping of foreign produce in Great Britain, and if the Minister was aware that dumping was one of the principal items of the Socialist programme?

The Minister agreed that the cheap food supplies from abroad were largely responsible, and said that it was the policy of the National Government in Great Britain to regulate these supplies. If it were true that the dumping of foreign supplies was part of the programme of the British Socialist Party, he believed that their prospects of being returned at the next election were blacker than they appeared to think.

NORTHERN IRELAND TRADE

Mr. T. J. Campbell, K.C., asked the Minister of Commerce whether he could state the industries most adversely affected by the fall in the trade of Northern Ireland from £135,000,000 in the year 1924 to £107,000,000 in 1930, and to £72,000,000 (exclusive of trade with the Irish Free State) in the year 1933, and what administrative measures the Government proposed to take in order to check this decline.

The Minister of Finance (Mr. H. M. Pollock), who replied, said that a fall in trade had, in fact, not taken place. While the sterling value of Northern Ireland's trade in 1933 was less than that for 1930, the volume of trade had shown remarkably little variation. The best available index was the returns of the Belfast Harbour Commissioners. Taking 1929 as the peak year before the collapse of trade took place, the total volume of goods passing through the port amounted to 3,362,084 tons. For the eleven months of the present year the figures are 3,110,264 tons, and adding on estimate for the present month, the total trade for the year is 3,370,000 tons or 365,000 tons more than last year, and might be regarded as a record.

This, said the Minister, furnished indubitable evidence of the progress of the province, notwithstanding the vast contraction of world trade.

Colonel Gordon (Unionist) asked if Mr. Campbell's policy were carried out and Northern Ireland became part of the Free State would it not lose its free market in Great Britain and become bankrupt, with widespread distress and unemployment.

No answer was returned.

UNDER DEATH SENTENCE

The execution of Frederick Rushworth, who was sentenced to death with Lydia Binks at York Assizes for the murder of the newly-born child of Binks at Leyburn, Yorkshire, has been fixed to take place at Leeds on New Year's Day.

Binks is to be executed at Durham on January 3.

Their appeals were dismissed by the Court of Criminal Appeal.

An appeal has been lodged in the case of David Maskill Blake (29), steel erector, of Lady Pit lane, Leeds, who was sentenced to death by Mr. Justice Goddard at the West Riding Assizes at Leeds last Saturday for the murder of Emily Yeomans (23), cafe waitress, of Garnet place, Leeds, found strangled with her own scarf in Middleton Woods, Leeds. The appeal contains about nineteen points.

It is extremely unlikely that the appeal will be heard before the middle of January.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND

The following returns of collections taken during Hospital Sunday have been received:—

Christ Church and St. Paul's Church, Bray	£29	9	9
All Saints' Church, Blackrock	20	0	0
Whitechurch Church, County Dublin	6	5	0
Bagenalstown Church, County Carlow	6	4	0
Ahascragh Church	4	10	0

DUBLIN'S OPEN SPACES

DISCUSSION IN THE SENATE

THE IMPOSITION OF DUTIES

IN the Senate yesterday, Mr. T. WESTROPP-BENNETT, Chairman, who presided, said that Wednesday, 16th January, should be the date of the next meeting of the Senate, as it would cause considerable inconvenience to the County Councils if the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Bill were delayed beyond that date.

It was agreed that the House should reassemble on January 16th.

THE DUTIES BILL

The Imposition of Duties (Confirmation of Orders) (No. 2) Bill, which has been certified as a money bill, was considered in the second stage.

The MINISTER for FINANCE (Mr. MacEntee) said that the measure was intended to confirm a number of Emergency Orders which imposed duties under the Act of 1932, and which had to be confirmed. He said that, having regard to the fact that sugar constituted an important source of revenue, he had already indicated that an Excise duty on home-manufactured sugar would have to be imposed and the Customs duty on imported sugar increased, so as to maintain the protection afforded to the home-manufactured article. He had forecast that it would possibly be necessary to increase the price of sugar by ½d. to ¾d. a lb. This duty was the only duty which the Irish manufacturer had to bear.

Mr. DOUGLAS said that the Imposition of Duties Act, 1932, had been designed to deal with a specific situation arising out of what was called the economic war, but which had now become the method by which all duties were imposed. The House had no opportunity of criticising the duties or proposing amendments. It would be better if the tariffs were embodied in a bill which would give the House an opportunity of offering helpful criticism. He asked the Minister to say how many of the articles referred to in the bill were not being manufactured in this country, and when they were likely to be made here.

PROHIBITIVE TARIFFS

Cotton thread, on which a duty was being imposed, was not yet manufactured in this country, and was the raw material of a large number of our manufactures. He would ask the same question in regard to boot laces, elastic and buttons. The Minister would appreciate the aggravation caused by the inevitable delay in securing import licences. He knew that the Federation of Irish Manufacturers had receied many complaints in that regard. Prohibitive tariffs had been put on bootlaces and on shoe laces imported with the shoes. He could appreciate that if these articles were manufactured here, but they were not, and what was happening was that the outside manufacturer was reaping the benefit.

In the drafting of quota orders in cases like these he thought the Government should endeavour to extend the period as long as possible. Three months was too short, especially as these articles were not bought in large quantities in the early part of the year. If possible the quota period should be made six months. This would have the advantage of enabling the importers to deal with the best manufacturers, and place their orders for large quantities.

Mr. T. JOHNSON drew attention to the present method of publication of Emergency Orders. Instead of having them printed in the present form of reference he submitted that each order should be self-explanatory.

THE WESTPORT FACTORY

Mr. McELLIN said that if the Emergency Order had not been made in regard to imports of thread, the imports would have been so heavy as to prevent the proposed factory at Westport being established for two years. When that factory was in operation it would provide employment for 250 hands, the product would be as good as any now produced, and the price would be somewhat less than the present price, which was fifteen per cent. higher in this country than in England because of the monopoly that had existed.

The MINISTER FOR FINANCE (Mr. MacEntee) said that he would draw attention of the Parliamentary draughtsman to the suggestion made by Senator Johnson.

He denied that the Emergency Orders were not democratic. Everyone of those orders could be dealt with by the Oireachtas. There was nothing to prevent the Executive Council from amending an order. In connection with the Emergency Orders covered by the bill, revenue did not enter into the question at all, because most of the duties were imposed with the object of prohibiting imports.

The second stage was passed.

Standing Orders were suspended, and the Committee and remaining stages of the bill disposed of.

OTHER BILLS PASSED

The Senate also disposed of the remaining stages of the following bills, Standing Orders being suspended wherever necessary:—The Local Government (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1934; Expiring Laws Bill, 1934; Sale of Food 1934; Epiring xLaws Bill, 1934; Sale of Food and Drugs (Milk) Bill, 1934; and Public Dance Halls Bill, 1934.

SENATOR MOORE'S PROPOSAL

When the Chairman (Mr. T. W. Bennett) called on Colonel Moore to move a motion standing in his name to the effect that, in view of the great and increasing dangers in the streets of Dublin, the Senate was of opinion that steps be taken to make all the squares of the city available as public parks and playgrounds,

Mr. J. T. O'FARRELL suggested that the motion should be ruled out of order as it dealt with a matter which was primarily the concern of the Dublin Corporation, and had no more relation to the work of that House than had the street lighting of Ballyjamesduff.

An elementary sense of the duties and powers of the House should cause the motion to be ruled out of order, and if it were not ruled out of order he suggested that the Senator himself should not move it. He thought it took away from the sense of dignity and propriety of the Senate to have parochial matters of this kind seriously discussed.

The CHAIRMAN said he could not rule the motion out of order. He left it to the senator himself.

Colonel MOORE said he saw no reason why the motion should be ruled out of order. It had been on the agenda paper for a long time, and he proposed to move it. These squares, he said, had been railed in about a hundred and thirty years ago, not for the convenience of the public, but for rich people who lived around them. The people for whom they had been built had moved to other districts, and the squares were left almost entirely neglected. The only person now to be seen in some of them was an odd nursemaid; while at the same time the traffic outside the squares had increased enormously, and children were being run down and killed. They should not allow these big spaces to be squandered and used only for an odd nursemaid and three or four tennis players, instead of being made available for the whole population of the city.

He believed that a plan for the reorganisation of the streets of the city was brought up, and that would give the opportunity to the Government to deal with the matter of city squares and parks.

Mr. D. D. HEALY seconded, and said that Merrion square, Parnell square, and Mountjoy square were in the centre of very populous and congested districts. The necessity for opening them to the public was great, as they all knew the dangers of the streets for young children.

Mr. S. L. BROWN, K.C., said that this was a matter not for the Senate, but for Dublin Corporation. Merrion square was out of the question, owing to the fact that it would soon, he hoped, become a site for a great new Cathedral. Fitzwilliam square was not of any great size, and, in addition, St. Stephen's Green was within easy reach of those who in the neighbourhood of Fitzwilliam square needed exercise ground. Those on the north side had a playground in the King's Inns Gardens, and Rutland square belonged to the Rotunda Hospital. He would be glad to see Mountjoy square opened to the public. In general, however, Dublin was practically as well supplied with open spaces as any other city that he knew, and there was nothing which they could do to help matters.

Mr. FARREN expressed sympathy with Colonel Moore's motion. He said that the Labour Party had been pressing for this for years.

Mr. L. O'NEILL said that he was sincerely grateful for Colonel Moore's motion, which would focus attention on an important matter.

Mr. FORAN said that this question had been agitating the minds of local bodies for many years. He thought that instead of making bird sanctuaries they should try to arrange sanctuaries for children. There were many spaces in the streets where ball-alleys and small playgrounds could be established. He had been very much impressed by what he had seen in the Continental towns by the way that the children were cut off from the traffic. If this were done many fatal accidents to children might be avoided.

Colonel MOORE, concluding the discussion, said that his motion had been put down with the object of urging the Government to take up this matter seriously, and the Senate desired to recommend the Government to take steps to see that something was done to utilise some of these public spaces as playgrounds for children.

The motion was carried.

Mr. COMYN, Vice-Chairman, who occupied the chair, said that the House stood adjourned until the 16th January next, and he wished all Senators a very happy Christmas.

The House then adjourned.

BELFAST CITY FINANCES

PRIME MINISTER AND LORD MAYOR TO MEET

An attempt is to be made to settle the financial differences between the Belfast Corporation and the Northern Government.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Corporation yesterday afternoon the Chairman (Alderman Duff) announced that a conference had been arranged between the Prime Minister and the Lord Mayor, in which the Chancellor of the Exchequer and himself, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, were asked to take part. It would be an informal discussion and no officials would be present. The date of the conference had been fixed for Thursday, 27th inst., at Stormont. In view of this arrangement Alderman Duff made a strong appeal to the representatives of the various Committees in attendance to postpone their requests, amounting in all to £153,500 odd, for works of capital expenditure, until after the conference and the financial position of the Corporation had been defined. He added that this appeal was being made after consultation with the Lord Mayor. The Chairman further explained that the conference would take into consideration not only the proposed levies—such as those for education and unemployment—but all outstanding financial adjustments between the Corporation and the Government.

The Committees in attendance unanimously agreed to postpone their applications.

RESIGNATION FROM HEALTH BOARD

MAYO PRIEST'S PROTEST

From Our Correspondent.

CASTLEBAR, Thursday.

At the meeting of Mayo Mental Hospital Committee to-day, Rev. Patrick Higgins, P.P., Bohola, who had been chairman for many years, tendered his resignation as a protest against the action of the County Council in refusing to continue Most Rev. Dr. Morrisroe, Bishop of Achonry, as their representative on the governing body of University College, Galway.

The Chairman (Mr. Moclair) objected to the reading of Father Higgins's letter. He would allow no member to sit in judgment on the appointing body. No one regretted the resignation of Father Higgins more than he did.

Mr. Morahan supported the chairman's action, remarking that they never let politics enter into the business of the committee.

The other members also supported the chairman, and the letter was not read. The resignation was accepted.

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An Unlicensed Gun.—At Lucan District Court yesterday George Spence, Laracon, Lucan, was fined £1 for having a shot-gun in his possession. John Toole said that he saw the defendant on his own land with a gun. He fired a shot at a pheasant in the wood. Defendant said that he was only scaring crows.

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Found Drowned.—The body of Andrew Roulston (58), Ardagh, a farmer, who disappeared from home on Friday last, was found in a pond near his home yesterday. At the inquest a verdict of suicide while momentarily insane was returned.

MOTOR BOAT SPEED RECORD

SABAUDIA (ITALY), Thursday.

In the presence of Signor Mussolini the "crack" Italian motor boat driver, Count Theo Rossi, set up a new world's speed record for six-litre boats. Piloting his boat, Ravanello, he attained a speed of 122.700 kilometres (approximately 76.75 miles) per hour on Lake Sabaudia.

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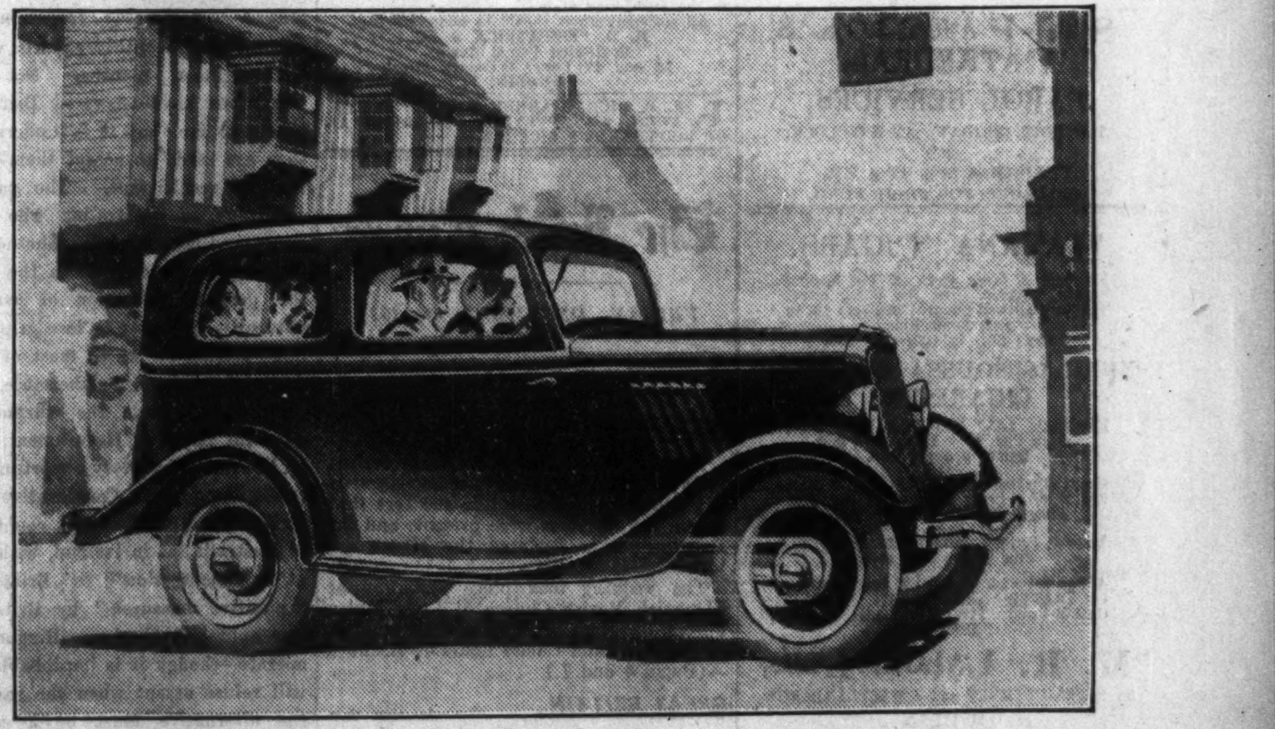

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2.—Each Candidate must be nominated by writing, subscribed by two Electors as Proposer and Seconder, and the Nomination Paper must be duly signed by the Candidate or some person duly authorised by him in writing for such purpose as consenting to such Nomination.

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We, the undersigned, being respectively Electors, hereby Nominate the following person as a Candidate:—

Surname	Other Names.	Abode or place of Business.	Description.
Smith.	William Henry.	100 City quay.	Timber Merchant.

The above-named William Henry Smith is proposed as a* Member.

*State whether Traders' Member or Shipping Member.

Signature.	Number on Register of Electors.
Thomas Jones,	360
James Robinson,	780

I, the above-named William Henry Smith, hereby consent to my being Nominated as a Candidate at the said Election.

Dated this day of , 19 .

Signed ‡WILLIAM HENRY SMITH.

‡Signature of Candidate or person duly authorised to sign the Nomination Paper on his behalf.

4.—Each Candidate must be nominated by a separate Nomination Paper, but the same Electors may subscribe as many Nomination Papers as there are vacancies to be filled, but no more.

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E. H. BAILEY, Secretary.
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Dated this 21st day of December, 1934.

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NEWS SUMMARY

IRELAND

During a discussion on a Labour motion in the Northern House of Commons yesterday attention was called to the fact that only a few members were present, and the Deputy-Speaker declared the House adjourned.—(Page 7.)

The wedding took place yesterday at Clonguish Parish Church of Lady Moira Forbes, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Granard, and Comte Louis de Brantes.—(Pages 4 and 7.)

GREAT BRITAIN

In the House of Lords yesterday Lord Danesfort called attention to the speech of Mr. de Valera on the second reading of the Citizenship Bill, and asked what the Government had done to protest against "an action of gross iniquity." The Earl of Lucan, for the Government, said that the matter raised grave issues of constitutional law. In reply to Lord Danesfort, the Earl of Lucan said that he would see the Dominions Secretary on the subject.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD.

The Dutch air liner Uiver, which was second in the Melbourne Race, is missing.—(Page 7.)

General Goering, the Prussian Premier, in the course of an important statement, expressed his conviction that the coming year would see no international problems.—(Page 7.)

FINANCIAL

London Stock Markets were firmer. British Funds advanced, and West African Mines were a strong spot.—(Page 10.)

Gold was fixed at 140s. 8½d. per oz., and only £75,000 was sold. The Bank bought £55,500 in bar gold.—(Page 10.)

Dublin Market was idle. Guinness units lost 9d. at 132s.—(Page 10.)

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Beef for Britain

Progress is being made towards an arrangement of the problem of Britain's meat imports. That problem has created much trouble not only in Great Britain, but in Australia and New Zealand—the Dominions which are chiefly concerned—and in Argentina. Our readers will recall the terms of the Ottawa agreements of 1932. Under them Great Britain forebore to impose any limitations on the import of meat from Australia and New Zealand, although her farmers were crying out for either a tariff or a quota, until the summer of this year. The understanding was, however, that the two Dominions should submit themselves voluntarily to restrictions—that they should reduce their exports of meat to Great Britain to a level which would permit the British farmers to recover their lost ground. In fact, the Dominions have not observed the implied agreement. Within the last two years their consignments to Britain not merely have shown no sign of diminution, but actually have increased. Quite fairly, therefore, Britain could subject them to restrictions of one sort or another; but, for certain reasons, she is unwilling to take the step. Above all things, she is anxious that the imperial bond shall be preserved in commerce, as in sentiment. It would be a severe blow to the idea of imperial economic unity if she should restrict her imports from Australia and New Zealand without any regulation of those from the Argentine, and, under the terms of a trade treaty with the Argentine, she cannot take any action against Argentinian goods for another year or two. The only solution lies in a successful appeal to the two Dominions.

Recently, the British Government has made definite proposals to the others. It has suggested that every Dominion shall limit its shipments during the first three months of next year to its average for the first three months of 1932, 1933 and 1934. Australia, thus, would send 190,000 hundredweight of chilled and frozen beef; New Zealand would be permitted a maximum of 160,000 hundredweight of frozen and chilled beef and veal, and the other Dominions—all of which contribute in smaller degree to Britain's dinner-table—would have their exports rationed in similar manner. These are, roughly, the levels arranged at Ottawa, and represent a considerable reduction on the average three-monthly exports within the last eighteen months. Not all the Dominions have answered Britain's proposals so far, but it is understood that they are ready to accept them—with one possible recalcitrant. The possible recalcitrant is Australia, who has not announced her decision. She has suffered rather more severely than the rest from the general depression of trade, and, naturally, hesitates to lose grip upon the huge market on which most of her prosperity depends. Furthermore, she has just escaped from the thraldom of a powerful Socialist Government, which is on the watch for every opportunity to discredit the present Conservative Administration; and great capital could be made in Australia, as in Ireland, with the story of a "concession" to Britain, or of "punitive measures" by Britain. One can appreciate her unwillingness to cooperate—though it is improbable that she will refuse assent when she realises that the alternative must be a compulsory quota.

The problem has little more than an academic interest for citizens of the *Saorstát*. Three years ago we should have been concerned deeply if Britain either enlarged or decreased her imports from other countries; but to-day the Free State's cattle trade is so small that nothing can make an appreciable difference to it. We merely can regret that President de Valera's Government has thrown away its right to a market which is the ambition of so many other countries. It is safe to say that, if the "economic war" never had begun, the Free State never would have been subjected to any limitation of her exports to Great Britain. The British Government and people have been particularly anxious from the beginning to retain her friendship, not only because she has been their best customer, but also because she is their nearest imperial neighbour. As matters stand to-day, her hasty and imprudent declaration of "war" has done permanent damage to her prospects. It has created a prejudice against Irish goods; it has emboldened the British farmer to challenge her former supremacy in Britain's fresh meat market; and, through the scarcity of fresh supplies, it has compelled the British public to reconcile their palates to chilled and frozen meat from remote lands. We refuse to believe that, in normal circumstances, any British Government would have applied the same restrictive measures to Free State produce that it proposes now to apply to the Dominions' goods. Nobody can tell what Britain's attitude would be if President de Valera should "call off" the economic conflict to-morrow; but it is certain that, at the worst, the Free State would not suffer from any grave discrimination. Is there any hope, even at this late hour, that he will make the experiment?

Japanese Aims

The naval conversations between Great Britain, the United States and Japan, which have been in progress since last June, were adjourned *sine die* on Wednesday. They have accomplished nothing; but, then, they were not intended to accomplish anything. As a preliminary to the formal Naval Conference next year they have served their purpose, and in some measure, have cleared the way for it. When the Conference meets, it will have to deal with the delicate question of naval ratios—a question which involves many thorny points of national prestige—and its task will be made easier by the fact that delegates from the three countries have discussed the matter already, and have put forward their own views. The main point at issue has been, and still is, the position of Japan. Under the Washington and London Treaties, the naval strength of Britain, the United States and Japan was fixed in the ratio 5-5-3. The Washington Treaty is due for reconsideration next year, and Japan already has made it quite plain that she will oppose its renewal. Ostensibly, her objection is that it puts her in a position of inferiority, which it would be undignified to accept: she is recognised as a first class Power, and she does not see why her fleet should be confined to smaller limits than that of the British or the Americans. All the preliminary discussions have revolved round this point, but it has not yet been settled. The three nations, however, have expressed their desire for an agreement, and have urged again their pleas (possibly, genuine pleas) for naval limitation. The bald fact remains that Japan wants naval equality, and that her real reason for wanting it is not that of prestige; nor, indeed, can the reason be that of national defence. The British Navy is large because it may be called upon to guard colonies that are scattered over all parts of the world, and the American because it must cover a very long coastline, facing both on the Atlantic and the Pacific. Japan, on the other hand, has a small island to defend, and no important colonies except Manchuria and Korea—while the proportion of the British or American Fleet that could be brought to attack her would be considerably less than the force that she could bring against them. Her attitude—and not only her attitude on naval questions—is, at the least, open to suspicion. Everything seems to point to the conclusion that she wishes to make herself mistress of the Pacific, and that she is determined to add to her territory by any means in her power. Her invasion of Manchuria was a sufficiently obvious sign; another—more recently—has been the stand that she has taken on the question of oil concessions, and a third is her insistence that the present naval ratios should be abolished. The informal conversations which have just closed have been distinguished by their atmosphere of good-will; but we may guess that the tact of the British and American diplomatists has covered a certain feeling of uneasiness.

Needless Secrecy

Since last Monday three representatives of the German Government have been in Dublin. They were joined during the week by two other German officials, and it seems that important negotiations are in progress between the visitors and representatives of the Free State Government. We presume that these conversations are supplementary to those that were held in Berlin recently between German and Irish officials with a view to the conclusion of a trade agreement between the two countries; but the public has been kept entirely in the dark by the Free State Government. The first intimation that the Germans were coming to Dublin appeared in this newspaper, and was derived from private sources; and the Government has not yet deigned even to inform the public of their arrival. Every attempt by the newspapers to obtain official information on this subject has been met by a blank refusal. The Government's Information Bureau, apparently, does not know of the existence of the conversations at Merrion street, or, if it does know, it has been instructed to keep its knowledge to itself. When it was being established President de Valera told *Dáil Eireann* that "the function of this Bureau will be to collect and make available to the public information concerning the activities of Government Departments, and the national policy underlying those activities." Surely, therefore, the Bureau ought to let the public into the secret of the Germans' visit to Dublin. What is the purpose of their long journey? We assume that it is not to exchange Christmas greetings with Mr. Sean Lemass, or to hear the views of the *Fianna Fáil* Party on Händel's "Messiah." Probably they are trying to make a bargain with the Department of Industry and Commerce, whereby certain Free State products—including cattle—will be traded against German manufactures; but, for all the information that we have received from the official Bureau, they might be here to negotiate a treaty of legislative union. In all matters of this kind a democratic Government has a duty to the public. There is no need for secrecy. We all shall be glad if an advantageous trade agreement is made with Germany, but the cloak of mystery that has been flung over the proceedings is fair neither to our visitors nor to ourselves.

A Cruel Fraud

One of the most heartless types of fraud is that practised by some theatrical managers. Almost always they are men who have no capital or resources of their own, and see an easy way of making money in collecting a company and sending it on tour in the provinces with some third-rate musical comedy or revue. They gamble on the production's success, and when, as often happens, the play is a failure, they make off with any money taken at the box-office, and leave the actors and actresses to look after themselves as best they may. One might imagine that this kind of trick, which forms the material for so many film plots, would be rare enough in real life. A meeting of the Irish Touring Managers' Guild, which was held yesterday in Dublin, shows, on the contrary, that the bogus theatrical manager is a real danger. He is a danger to the honest managers, because he lowers the status of the whole profession. Secretaries of local theatres and halls often must go without their fees because of impostors, and landladies who let their rooms to members of the company often must go without their rent because there is no money to pay it. One cannot blame them if they look on perfectly honest companies with suspicion, or come to the conclusion that all people connected with the theatre are likely to defraud them. In order to improve the position, the Guild will attempt to keep a check on managers visiting this country, and we hope that their effort will succeed. Naturally, yesterday's meeting looked at the question from the managers' point of view; but the need to guard the actors against bogus companies is quite as urgent. Of necessity, most of the men and women who are defrauded are young, inexperienced and without money of their own. The plight in which they often find themselves—deserted in an out-of-the-way town, and with no means to return to their own homes—is one which can, and ought to, be avoided.

SAAR PLEBISCITE

QUESTION IN COMMONS

In the House of Commons yesterday, Brigadier-General Spears (C., Carlisle) asked the Foreign Secretary if he would urge upon the Council of the League of Nations the importance of making clear by means of posters, etc., that a vote for the *status quo* in the Saar plebiscite would not permanently preclude the Saarlanders from eventual reunion with Germany.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Lord Privy Seal, said that no approach to the Council of the League of Nations was contemplated.

Brigadier-General Spears asked whether Mr. Eden was aware that the local Press had been at some pains to conceal the fact from Saarlanders.

Mr. Eden replied that the Committee of Three had made certain observations, and it would be highly improper for him to comment upon them.

A Saarbruecken telegram states that the official announcement of Major Hemsley's resignation from the post of head of the Saar International Police Force, as from January 1, was published yesterday.

Major Hemsley is being succeeded by Major Hennessey.

THE BRITISH TROOPS

A Mezieres telegram says: The triumphant progress of the mechanised section of the British force for the Saar through France has given rise to such scenes as have not been witnessed since the Armistice. The inhabitants of every hamlet along the road from Douai turned out to greet the British force, and when the detachment reached Charleville and Mezieres crowds lined the streets, giving the troops a veritable ovation.

Last evening the British officers were the guests of the officers of the French 91st Infantry Regiment. To-day the section moves on to Metz.

WEATHER FORECAST

General Inference.—A ridge of high pressure is crossing the British Isles, and a depression on the Atlantic will move north-east. There will be occasional rain in most districts.

North-West, North-East, South-East and South-West Ireland.—Moderate or fresh south-west or west wind, strong locally; occasional rain; brighter intervals; mild.

Irish Sea and St. George's Channel.—Fresh south-west to west wind; occasional rain; bright intervals; sea moderate or rather rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Thermometers.—12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Dec.	Bar.	Thermometer.				Wind.	Rain m.m	Sun hours
		Temp. 9 p.m.	Max	Min.	Grass Min.			
14	28.546	49.3	50	35	25	S.E.	2.0	0.5
15	28.865	48.1	52	47	44	W.	10.6	—
16	29.250	44.9	50	45	44	W.	trace	2.7
17	29.268	48.6	49	41	30	S.E.	0.3	0.0
18	29.853	49.3	55	48	40	W.S.W.	0.6	0.9
19	29.404	48.0	51	47	41	N.W.	3.3	0.2
20	29.855	46.7	49	43	35	W	—	3.0

THE SUN.

	TO-DAY.	TO-MORROW.
RISES	8.38	8.38
SETS	4. 8	4. 8
LIGHTING-UP TIME	4.38	4.38

HIGH WATER—DUBLIN.

MORNING	11.34	—
EVENING	11.56	12.10

AT OTHER PORTS.

	MORNING.	EVENING.
BELFAST	11. 5	11.26
CORK	5.24	5.46
DROGHEDA	11.22	11.45
DUNDALK	11.19	11.42
GALWAY	5.12	5.40
SLIGO	5.40	6.11
WATERFORD	6.35	6.56
LONDONDERRY	8.39	8.57

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

High and Circuit Courts—Four Courts, 11 a.m.
Dublin Gas Co.'s Lecture—3 p.m.
Presentation of Awards—Civic Guard Headquarters, Kilmainham, 3 p.m.
Exhibition of Students' Work—Bray Technical School, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Tivoli Cinema, Francis street — Opening Ceremony, 7.45 p.m.

AMUSEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—Closed for Rehearsals of Pantomime.
Olympia Theatre—"Women of the World."
Metropole Cinema — "Coming Out Party" and "David Harum."
Grafton Cinema—"The Outcast."
Corinthian Cinema—"All Men are Enemies" and "The Perfect Flaw."
Grand Central Cinema—"Shock" and "I Hate Women."
Pavilion Cinema, Dun Laoghaire — "The Return of Bulldog Drummond" and "The Lost Jungle."
Savoy Cinema—"The Prize-Fighter and the Lady" and "Night Before Christmas" Children's Matinee Retained, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Capitol Cinema — "Man of Two Worlds" and "La Cucaracha."
Theatre De Luxe—"The Great Flirtation" and "The Lone Cowboy."

The French Senate yesterday adopted the Budget, which will now return to the Chamber for its second reading.

COURT AND PERSONAL

The King has received the Maharajah of Burdwan at Buckingham Palace, where the Duke of Kent celebrated his thirty-second birthday yesterday, and Their Majesties gave a large family luncheon party for the occasion. The Prime Minister had an audience with the King, who also received Sir Felix Cassel on his relinquishing of his appointment as Judge Advocate-General.

The Prince of Wales presided at a meeting of His Royal Highness's Council on Wednesday in the office of the Duchy of Cornwall at Buckingham Gate, which was attended by the Earl of Radnor, Earl Fortescue, Viscount Weymouth, Sir Edward Peacock, Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey Sir Godfrey Thomas, Mr. Walter Monckton and Major Hilgrove McCormick.

When the Duchess of York visited the offices of the National Knitting Appeal in Grosvenor place, London, she handed the Secretary the gift of a woollen scarf which had been knitted by the Duke of York. Her Royal Highness was greatly gratified by the display of garments contributed in answer to her appeal, numbering so far over 8,000, which will be distributed in the distressed areas.

The Princess Royal and the Earl of Harewood, with their sons, Viscount Lascelles and the Hon. Gerald Lascelles, have left London, and have arrived at Harewood House, Leeds, where they will remain till the middle of January.

News comes from Rome of the engagement of Don Jaime, the second son of Don Alfonso and Doña Victoria Eugenie, and Mdlle. Emanuela de Dampierre, daughter of the late Vicomte Roger de Dampierre.

The marriage of Comte Louis de Brantes and Lady Moira Forbes, which took place yesterday afternoon at Clonguish Church, Newtown Forbes, was the outstanding social event of the winter season, and the country people in the neighbourhood of Castle Forbes vied with one another in decorating the village and illuminating the windows of their cottages.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Anglesey have arrived at Eastwell Hall, Melton Mowbray, where they will spend Christmas. The Countess of Cromartie and Major Blunt-Mackenzie have arrived at Castle Leod, Strathpeffer, where they will entertain several family parties for Christmas and new year. Viscount Massereene and Ferrard is leaving London to-day to join Viscountess Massereene in Scotland. The Hon. Lady Norman has left for Antibes, where Sir Henry Norman will join her shortly for a stay of some weeks.

Lady Athlumney has returned to Somerville, Co. Meath, from London. Other arrivals in Dublin yesterday included Mr. J. De Burgh, Mrs. and Miss Hart, Miss Fitzgerald and Miss Blake.

The Earl of Ossory, who has been spending the past three weeks at his shooting lodge in Tipperary, has returned to London.

The Earl and Countess of Donoughmore have arrived at Knocklofty, Clonmel, where they will entertain a large family party for Christmas. Lord Donoughmore is a great deal better since his return to England from Sweden.

Lord and Lady Louth are the guests this week of Count and Countess McCormack at Moore Abbey, Monasterevan.

Lady De Freyne has returned to French Park from Brighton.

The Marquess of Headfort has returned to Headfort, Kells, from Cahir Park.

Dr. McArdle has left 27 Merrion square till 7th January.

The engagement is announced between Laurence O. Mountford, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., son of E. H. Mountford, L.D.S., and Mrs. Mountford, of Oxton, Cheshire, and D. Sheila Bailey, L.D.S., daughter of F. W. Bailey, D.M.D., and Mrs. Bailey, of Waterford.

Miss Dora Galwey has left 33 Dawson street until January the 8th.

Whatever the weather one can shop in comfort at Switzers, Grafton street, choosing one's Gifts from an unlimited selection—the most varied and tasteful in Dublin—and then how pleasant to adjourn to the Restaurant or Soda Fountain for lunch or a refreshing tea. The shop will remain open until 6 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday).

Holmes and Co., George's street—By special arrangement all town and country orders by telephone or telegraph will be despatched same day. Open all day to-morrow (Saturday).

"Chilprufe" Underwear for Ladies, Children, and Men. Illustrated Catalogue free from Holmes'.

Tylers, Grafton street, are making a special display of really exclusive Continental Shoes for present wear. Perfect fitting, charming styles. Special price, 19s., 25s. 9d., and 29s. 9d.

PASSENGERS BY ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Among the arrivals were:—Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey, Mr. Riley, Mr. J. B. Ryan, Miss C. Ryan, Mr. and Miss Calthorp, Mr. P. Renton, Mr. M. McIntosh, Mr. J. C. Teegan, Mr. W. B. Reville, Mr. and Mrs. W. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. O'Connor, Major and Mrs. Dallas Edge, Dr. I. G. McIntyre, Mr. J. R. G. Hudson, Mr. H. R. S. Tulls, Mr. J. Comyn, Mrs. T. S. Dale, Monsieur T. Briere, Secretary, French Legation, and Madame Briere, Dr. J. P. Hayes, Mrs. F. Purcell, Mr. C. Park, Mr. J. J. Montgomery, Dr. O'Shaughnessy, Mr. G. T. Warner-Darley, Mr. J. B. Jackson, Mr. S. James.

Among the departures were:—Mrs. Fing, Mr. P. Solomons, Mr. and Mrs. Shenkinan, Mrs. H. Lee Parker, Miss Sheila Lee Parker, Miss O'Conor Rudah, Mrs. Classon, Miss Classon, Mr. C. T. Belton, Miss Josephine O'Conor, Mr. G. J. O'Callaghan, Miss Baker Miss Morse.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE,
VIA LIVERPOOL.

Among the arrivals were:—Lady Athlumney, Mrs. and Miss Hart, Mr. G. Walsh, Mr. M. J. McGreevy, Mr. T. Tufnell, Mr. R. G. Orr, Mr. W. D. Davidson Rev. J. J. Miller, Mr. J. W. Haughton, Mr. B. McClean, Mr. T. Kelly, Mr. J. H. De Burgh, Mr. V. Comyn, Mr. R. Tasker, Mr. J. Hawkins, Mr. E. McCarthy, Dr. D. Eccles, Mr. M. Reynolds, Miss McCandless, Miss McManus, Miss D. Moran, Miss M. A. Brown, Master Bruxner Randall, Miss P. Murphy, Rev. H. C. Cave, Mr. T. Braund, Mr. G. Lardner, Miss Blake, Captain Eccles, Miss Cottam Walmsley, Miss N. G. Fitzgerald, Miss M. Irwin, Cadet J. C. Lynch, Dr. Macnamara, Mr. J. Donnellon, Mr. R. D'Arcy, Miss Triggs, Miss M. Crawford, Miss M. Collery, Miss N. Griffin, Mr. J. Kennedy.

Among the departures were:—Dr. E. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. T. Maxwell, Mr. R. Caplan, Mr. A. Nesbitt, Mr. E. Myerscough, Mr. N. Hartigan, Rev. E. Hartford, Mr. F. Griffin, Mr. R. M. Tufnell, Mr. R. B. Adderley, Rev. H. Watson, Mr. D. O'Sullivan, Mr. W. Tudor, Miss O. Crabtree, Miss D. Crook, Mr. R. Shaw, Mr. W. F. French, Mr. A. Loftus, Mrs. E. Benson, Mr. A. Millar, Mr. H. J. Whitworth, Miss J. Armstrong, Mr. J. F. Harrison, Mr. R. Crean, Mr. T. De Brun, Mr. D. McAllister, Mr. E. Simpkins, Mr. and Mrs. D. Crabtree, Mr. E. A. Power, Miss F. Merrick, Mr. J. Clarke.

Sweet Lavender Gifts that are different.—Marleen, 31 South Anne street.

Loveliest Evening Frocks. Small sizes.—Marleen, 31 South Anne street.

Davis and Co.—Evening Coatees, 19/11 to 69/6; Leather Bags, 12/11; Silk Hose, 3/11 to 9/11; Fur Gloves from 13/11 Underwear in great variety.—46 Grafton street.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF KENT

SURPRISE VISIT TO THEATRE

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Kent, paid a surprise visit to Wyndham's Theatre, London, last night on the Duke's birthday. It was the first public appearance of the Duke and Duchess of Kent in the West End since their marriage, and a great crowd outside the theatre welcomed them with cheers.

TO TRY AGAIN

BELGRADE CABINET PLANS WRECKED

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT

BELGRADE, Thursday.

At the moment when the Belgrade public were expecting the publication of the final list of the new Cabinet, a "bombshell" exploded in their midst with the declaration that the Radicals had refused to enter the Government, as they had only been offered three Ministries and had not been given the Interior.

Father Koroshetz, the Slovene leader, agreed with the Radicals.

This completely wrecks M. Jevtitch's plans, and means that consultations must begin afr

LONDON LETTER

IRISH CITIZENSHIP

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
THURSDAY NIGHT.

THE passing by the Dail of the Citizenship Bill has scarcely been noticed here, though it is thought that the Dominions Secretary may possibly have something to say later on. His recent speech at Derby, however, was a considered and authoritative statement, and it is unlikely that there will be any marked addition. A short correspondence between the Dominions Office and the Irish Free State Government may soon see the light, but it is not expected to add greatly to the general knowledge of events. Greater importance was attached to the statement of Chief Justice Kennedy regarding past legislation by the Dail and the importance of a plebiscite on proposals amending the Constitution. On these points, however, as on the citizenship question, public opinion remains indifferent.

The Indian Question

The members of the Government who will be on holiday over Christmas will return to London early in January with the idea of holding several Cabinet meetings to discuss the India Constitution question. The bill on this subject has been presented to the House of Commons, but in dummy form, and it will be several weeks before its details can be made known to members or to the public. In official circles the magnitude of the task before the Government in getting the measure before both Houses of Parliament in the face of fierce opposition is now appreciated, and already doubts are expressed as to whether the bill can be passed by the end of July. Three or four hundred clauses will need much time for discussion, and every line of the bill is to be opposed.

Naval Conversations

The United States delegation for the Naval conversations is said to be mainly responsible for the rather indefinite terms of the announcement adjourning the conversations, since very stringent instructions from Washington would not permit the fixing of a date for the resumption of the talks. The United States delegates leave for home next week, but the Japanese delegates, having no plans, do not know when they will be leaving. It is thought that they will remain in London for some time yet, and even seek further exchanges of views with the British Government. This, however, must depend upon their instructions from Tokio.

The Japanese Fleet

According to news from Japan, construction work has been started on five new warships, but it should be noted that this does not indicate any departure from the programme authorised by the 1934 Budget for replenishments. With the completion of these vessels the Japanese Navy will be brought up to the full strength permitted by the Washington Treaty. The most important of the ships, upon which work has just been started, is a 10,000 ton aircraft carrier which is to replace an old vessel now used for the purpose. The programme provided for six new submarines, several of which were started last year, and it appears that the two new first class under-water craft now laid down brings the number up to the full strength.

Woolwich Arsenal

At the War Office to-day a deputation was received which asked that no action should be taken to remove the Royal Arsenal from Woolwich. Sir Kingsley Wood and Mr. George Hicks introduced the deputation, which was headed by the Mayor of the town. Many organisations were represented, including the Borough Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and the combined Shop Stewards' Committee of Woolwich Arsenal. The deputation was received by Mr. Douglas Hacking, who said that its plea would be given most careful attention. It has been rumoured for some time past that the Arsenal would be removed to some remote place in the Midlands, or even to Milford Haven in Pembrokeshire, since its present position exposes it to grave danger in the event of possible air raids. During the War many attempts were made to bomb the place, but little damage was done. The cost of defence, however, was very heavy.

An Exchange of Pictures

A bill to authorise the lending of pictures from the National Gallery, which has been given its first reading this week, is responsible for much interest in art circles. An exchange of pictures could be arranged with museums such as the Louvre, and the Dominions would derive much benefit from being able to borrow pictures from the London art galleries. It seems that there are plenty of pictures available for such a purpose, as both the National Gallery and the Gallery of British Art have thousands of pictures in their store-rooms for which there is no room on the walls. On the other side, there are experts who claim that considerable harm might be done to old pictures through change of climate or by carriage to remote places. These questions will have to be threshed out before the bill is passed.

National Government Propaganda

National Government propaganda is to be centralised, and instead of three party machines endeavouring to influence electors, there will be one centre only. Sir Kingsley Wood, the Postmaster-General, has been chosen by the Cabinet to act as Director, with Sir Patrick Gower, Chief Propaganda Officer of the Conservative Party, as his principal assistant. The combined propaganda sections of the three parties will probably be established in a new set of offices, and will there concentrate on methods intended to induce the electors to support the National Government at the general election. Films and posters are to play an important part, and it is probable that there will be one propaganda journal for the three parties. Special funds are to be provided for this work of co-ordination.

A League Meeting

Copenhagen will become a little Geneva soon after Christmas, when the World Union of the League of Nations Associations will meet for a congress. Delegates are to attend from England, France, Germany, Spain, Switzerland and many other countries, and the gathering will be inaugurated by M. Borgjerg, the Danish Minister of Education. A question to be debated will be the deletion of reference to the League of Nations in the title of the Associations, as it is thought that such a change may make it easier to collaborate with bodies from countries which are not members of the League of Nations.

Mechanised Cavalry Regiments

The announcement that another cavalry regiment is to carry out experiments with a view to developing a mechanical substitute for horsed cavalry was not unexpected, in view of the success which has attended the conversion of the 11th Hussars and 12th Lancers into armoured car regiments. The conversion of the 3rd Hussars, however, is to be of a partial character for experimental purposes, and it is not to become a mechanised unit except for the purpose of the experiments. There are only two mechanised cavalry regiments in the British Army—the 11th Hussars, now in Egypt, and the 12th Lancers, which will send a detachment to the Saar within the next week or two. Sooner or later other cavalry regiments will be mechanised, but much will depend upon the new experiments to be carried out this summer.

DESIRE FOR BRITAIN'S FRIENDSHIP

GENERAL GOERING DEFINES GERMANY'S ATTITUDE

HOPE OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

PROGRESS ALONG THE PATH OF PEACE

THAT he was convinced that the coming year would see no international problems which could not be settled by peaceful methods, as there was no Government which had so little sense of responsibility that it would resort to war, "the most terrible of all miseries," to achieve its aims—certainly not the German Government, which desired nothing but to progress on the path of peace and international co-operation, was the declaration of General Goering, the Prussian Prime Minister, in an interview which he gave to Reuter's Special Correspondent in his study in the Reichstag Presidential Palace.

General Goering said: "The German people has the greatest respect and fellow-feeling for the British people, with whom it is connected by ties of blood.

"The German people does not believe that either the British Government or the British people cherish any animosity against Germany," he continued, "and its ardent wish is that England and Germany may remain on terms of firm and sincere friendship, naturally on a basis of equality. And that is also my wish for 1935."

FEAR OF GERMAN AIR MENACE "ABSURD"

The General, who is also Reich Air Minister, described any fear in Britain of the German "air menace" as absurd; for Germany, he said, from the military point of view, possessed no technical means to carry out an air attack.

Naturally, we have some trial machines, but to talk about German possessing hundreds of military machines is ridiculous, he added.

To the question whether the passenger machines of the Luft Hansa could easily be converted into war machines, the Minister replied that he had often stated his views on this point. He himself, as an old airman, knew that passenger aeroplanes could not be converted into really efficient war machines.

No other Air Minister, therefore, thinks of such a possibility in regard to his own air arms. If other nations arm for a war in the air, the General said, "then we must be, at least, given the right to make industrial preparations to guarantee later on the necessary security for the German people; but if other nations want to disarm their military air fleets, then Germany will be quite agreeable, and in the interests of the peace of the world would naturally act accordingly."

NO AIR ATTACK FEARED

Although there was no air attack on Germany to be feared at present, there was no getting away from the fact that Germany was surrounded by nations armed to the teeth, both on land and in the air, and therefore elementary precautions of defence were essential.

The Air Minister spoke in terms of great admiration for the feat of Scott and Campbell-Black in their London-Melbourne flight, and said that Germany had no machines which could do the journey in under three days.

He added: "Germany has never been confronted with a similar problem; for her interests lie in the crossing of the North and South Atlantic. Mainly with this object in view we are working at improving our machines for long-distance flight."

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Turning to internal affairs General Goering declared: "I would put my hand in a fire that the Storm Troopers are still enthusiastically and unconditionally behind the leader.

"There is no possibility of a repetition of June 30; for the S. A. and the S. S. are a homogeneous body which stands blindly behind the Government."

He was also firmly convinced that the people were behind the National Socialist Government, and that 90 per cent. of the electorate would again vote for it on any vital question.

There would always be carpers and critics, of course.

"He who is dissatisfied is always growling, whilst he who is satisfied keeps his mouth shut. That is a well-known fact," he said.

There was no opposition whatever to the present *régime*, General Goering affirmed, and the internal situation was consolidated. There was no Communist danger in Germany so long as National Socialism prevailed. The Communists as an organised party had ceased to exist.

In reply to a question whether *emigrés* could return to Germany even if they were Socialists, the Premier said that it did not matter whether a man had been a Socialist or not. The *emigré* who had not betrayed his country could return to Germany without fear, and could take up his vocation again if he showed willingness to become again a member of the German community.

THE CHURCH

"The conflict in the Evangelical Church, from which the State is keeping absolutely aloof, is really different from what it has been represented to be," said General Goering.

"The conflict is due to a certain extent to the lust for power of certain individuals who are trying to form a disguised Opposition.

"The Government does not interfere in the internal affairs of the Church. It protects Christianity, and leaves it to everyone to accept in his own fashion. The Government regarded with disgust those who tried to stir up the Church dispute."

THE CIVIL CODE

The Premier mentioned that a certain number of party men and Storm Troopers had been arrested recently. He stressed, however, that they were not guilty of political offences, but had transgressed the civil code, and would, therefore, be punished in the ordinary way.

The Prussian Premier indignantly denied reports in the foreign Press of dissensions in the Cabinet and branded as an "infamous lie" the story that he and Dr. Goebbels were "at daggers-drawn."

"There are no differences in the Cabinet. There is absolute co-operation between all its members, and blind confidence in the leader.

"A more united Government does not exist in Europe," declared General Goering emphatically.

ECONOMIC SITUATION

General Goering affirmed that Germany's economic situation, though serious, as everywhere in the world, had considerably improved recently, and pointed to the fact that various industries, such as the textile, motor car, and building trades, were doing a big internal business, and were constantly employing more workers. The lack of raw materials was being steadily overcome by the genius of German chemists and inventors, and there was no doubt that further progress in the direction of making substitutes for raw materials would be achieved in 1935.

DESERT SEARCH FOR LOST DUTCH AIR LINER

R.A.F. 'PLANES TO THE RESCUE

ARMOURED CARS TAKE PART

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BAGHDAD, Thursday.

ROYAL Air Force aeroplanes and armoured cars are searching the Syrian desert, between Rutbah Wells and Amman, for the missing Dutch liner, Uiver (second in the big Melbourne Race), which is missing since she was sighted over Rutbah Wells at 2.30 this morning.

The liner, which left Amsterdam at nine yesterday morning with three passengers and a crew of four, together with a heavy mail, is trying to make a record flight out to Batavia, Java, and back to Holland before Christmas—a round trip of 15,000 miles in five days.

She left Cairo last night for Baghdad, and was over Gaza, near the Palestine coast, at midnight. Over Rutbah Wells at 2.30 this morning she asked for her position. Since then there has been complete silence. It is feared that she ran into foul weather and had to descend.

Baghdad itself has been in the grip of a heavy thunderstorm, and conditions are very difficult for the searchers. If there has been heavy rain over the desert cars will be unable to move and aeroplanes will be unable to land or take off again, as the ground will be a sea of mud.

A Cairo telegram states that an R.A.F. squadron is in readiness at Amman to join the quest for the missing "Flying Hotel," as the Douglas 'plane has been called owing to the sumptuousness of her fittings, but bad weather has prevented the take-off. If the conditions improve it will set out at dawn to-morrow morning.

It is learned that two Vickers-Victoria machines from landing ground H 4, between Amman and Rutbah, took off this afternoon for the search.

A message from The Hague says that a Dutch 'plane, the Lees Werik, will leave this morning to join in the search for the Uiver. It will make for Cairo.

Meanwhile officials of the Royal Dutch Air Lines (K.L.M.), to whom the Uiver belongs, are not optimistic about the results.

THE SITUATION

Reuter states that from Amman eastwards through the Wadi Hauran is difficult going. Between Amman, and the beginning of the desert country over which the "flying hotel" would normally pass, is a strip of mountainous country, crossed and recrossed, by narrow gorges, over which the R.A.F. patrols have always experienced treacherous air currents. If the Dutch liner has passed over this area, and is in trouble in the Aneiseh country she should experience no real difficulty if she has managed to descend any where near Nairus, Damascus-Baghdad motor transport route. If, however, the machine has come down anywhere in the hills of the Jebel Druse country it may be days before even the closest search succeeds in locating it.

MACHINE GUN USED

ATTACK ON RATE COLLECTOR'S HOUSE

A machine-gun was used in an attack made at 3.30 a.m. yesterday on the bungalow of Mr. J. Kinnane, rate collector, of The Mall, Templemore, County Tipperary. About twenty rounds were discharged, and a number of windows broken, but Mr. and Mrs. Kinnane, who were asleep at the time, escaped injury.

Shortly before the attack telegraphic communications to and from the town were severed.

Detective officers later detained a man in connection with the affair.

A number of prominent local Blue Shirts were arrested in connection with the affair, including Michael Meagher, Ivy Hall; L. Brennan, Forrest, and Kieran Holland, Templemore.

BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM AT THE ALTAR

Lady Moira Forbes, elder daughter of the Earl and Countess of Granard, and Comte Louis de Brantes, second son of General le Marquis and la Marquise de Brantes, during their wedding in the parish church, Clonguish, Co. Longford, yesterday.

THE CITIZENSHIP BILL

HOW BRITAIN VIEWS IT

EARL OF LUCAN'S STATEMENT

THE GRAVE ISSUES INVOLVED

IN the House of Lords yesterday Lord Danesfort (Conservative) asked whether the Government had sent any protest to the Irish Free State Government against the Citizenship Bill and the speech made by Mr. de Valera on its second reading. He pointed out that in that speech Mr. de Valera said that when the bill was passed nobody in the Free State would be a British subject; that it would be an impertinence for the British to claim any Southern Irish citizens as British subjects, and that not a single comma would have to be altered if a Republic were declared in Southern Ireland to-morrow.

He further asked if a protest had been sent, what reply had been received, and, in any event, whether the British Government concurred in Mr. de Valera's statements in whole or in part. Lord Danesfort went on to say that no more preposterous legislation ever was proposed in this or any other country. The Citizenship Bill in the Irish Free State was part and parcel of preparation in the Irish Free State to establish a Republic. The Governor-General had been degraded to the position of a clerk in an office. All he was asked to do was to register assent to Irish Free State legislation, whatever it might be. Lord Danesfort added that he had been advised that any citizen, under the new law, who was a medical practitioner and who was in the British Medical Register would lose his qualification. "Is there any civilised country in the world," he asked, "which ever has attempted, or is even likely to attempt, such legislation in their country?" and he declared—No British Dominion has ever put forward such a strange, unexampled, preposterous proposal as this. If such an amazing proposal were put forward in a foreign country that British subjects should cease to be British subjects, would not we protest in the strongest possible way? and if there was no redress by any other means, was it not more than likely that the British Government would break off diplomatic relations with that country?

STRONG PROTEST URGED

He urged that the British Government should enter a strong protest, and ask the Free State Government either to modify or abandon this legislation, and thereby avoid the terrible consequences that must follow. It was true that Mr. J. H. Thomas had stated that the legislation was illegal. But, said Lord Danesfort, we have heard these statements before, and the Free State Government have apparently paid not the slightest attention to them. They have gone on with their legislation just as if they had been told by the British Governmen that they were acting perfectly legally and with perfect propriety. Something more is wanted than a mere statement.

It was somewhat strange, he concluded, that the Irish Free State should send a High Commissioner to represent a country which was not only unfriendly to Great Britain, but which, by every means in its power, had expressed its hostility, and perhaps its desire, to injure those residents within its borders who were friendly to the British connection and who had proved loyal to the British Crown and the British people.

VISCOUNT ELIBANK'S SUGGESTION

Viscount Elibank (Conservative) supported Lord Danesfort, and maintained that in this matter the Government was faced with one of the most difficult problems that they had yet had to face. What, he asked, is to be the position of all the citizens of the South of Ireland who are now resident in this country or in the other Dominions? Are they to be treated as British citizens, or are they to be treated as foreigners? Are we to go on conferring upon them all the benefits which British subjects reap by reason of the fact that they are Birtish subjects? I suggest that if this legislation is finally passed, and if it is laid down that citizens of Southern Ireland are no longer British citizens, but are Irish citizens, we must very gravely consider the position of those Free State citizens who are resident in Great Britain to-day.

My belief is that if this bill becomes law there should be a thorough sifting out of those particular people, and that only those citizens from the South of Ireland who have been resident for a reasonable period in this country, or who have been employed in this country, and have not come over in what I may call a haphazard way, with the object of only receiving these benefits and then returning to the South of Ireland—only the first should be classed in future as British citizens, and the others should be sent back to their homes in the South of Ireland.

He hoped that soon a man would rise in the Irish Free State, with views less circumscribed than those of Mr. de Valera, who would guide "these unfortunate people" back to better times.

THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE

The Earl of Lucan (for the Government) said that the matter raised grave issues of constitutional law. Nobody, he went on, denies that Mr. de Valera has a right to claim who are to be regarded as citizens of the Irish Free State, but when he claims that the method with which he proposes to give effect to this right is in accordance with the principles laid down at the Imperial Conference, that is where the Government entirely disagree with him.

The Government's position, he said, was made clear by the Dominions Secretary in a statement on November 27, when he said: "I am advised that the bill does not purport to, and cannot in any case, deprive any person of his status as a British subject." This statement was made before Mr. de Valera's statement, and subsequently Mr. Thomas, on December 1, in a speech at Derby, made the position of the Government further clear.

As regards Mr. de Valera's statement that no change would be made in the bill if a republic were declared, Lord Lucan added, the position of the Government is that if a republic were declared a new situation would arise, which would require further consideration; but they have declined to indicate in advance what measure they would take. Their attitude was expressed in a despatch sent to the Irish Free State Government on December 5, 1933, in the following terms:—

> "They cannot believe that the Irish Free State Government contemplate a final repudiation of their Treaty obligations in the manner suggested, and consequently they do not feel called upon to say what attitude they would adopt in circumstances which they regard as purely hypothetical."

With regard to Lord Danesfort's suggestion that some protest should be made to the Irish Free State Government, Lord Lucan said it was made plain in Mr. Thomas's statement that the Government have sent a formal communication to Mr. de Valera expressing their view on the bill. No despatch has been addressed to the Irish Free State with reference to Mr. de Valera's statement of November 28, but the views of the Government had been made clear in public statements made on their behalf.

NOT A "HAPPY SOLUTION"

I do not think that it would be a happy solution of the matter to take any steps with regard to the High Commissioner. The policy of the Government in the United Kingdom is to make it as easy as possible for the Irish Free State to remain a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, and I do not think that steps of the kind that Lord Danesfort indicated would help towards that end.

Lord Hutchison (National Liberal) said that he hoped the Government would very seriously consider the situation, and not be hurried into anything of a violent nature. He also hoped that no policy of retaliation would be adopted. After all, Ireland had gone through very unhappy times, and was led by people who were unfriendly to this country. With the exercise of patience it was possible that better counsels might prevail, and that better relations with our fellow-countrymen in Ireland might yet be produced.

Lord Danesfort asked if the House was not entitled to know what had been done by the Government to protest against what he could only call an action of gross iniquity. He asked Lord Lucan if he would give an undertaking that he would see the Dominions Secretary and see what had taken place. Do not let it be said in Southern Ireland that we in this country are oblivious of the services rendered by our loyal subjects there, he added.

Lord Lucan replied that he would see the Dominions Secretary.

FREE STATE-GERMAN TRADE

SECRECY CONCERNING NEGOTIATIONS

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

Unusual secrecy continues to surround the negotiations between the representatives of the Free State and German Governments, who have been conferring in Dublin during the present week. So far, notwithstanding urgent requests in the appropriate quarter, no official information has been given out. Indeed, the only authoritative indication of the purpose of the mission was that given to the *Irish Times* Correspondent at Holyhead on Monday morning when one of the German representatives stated: "We are hoping to arrive at an understanding on trade questions with the Irish Free State people."

That the matter is one on which the public are entitled to some information is obvious from the fact that it clearly concerns the very vital purpose of securing alternative markets for the country's surplus produce.

The German Government apparently attaches considerable importance to the work in hand, since, as was learned unofficially yesterday, they have sent two additional negotiators to help their colleagues. These are Dr. Plumbaum and Dr. Hammersen.

It was ascertained yesterday, again unofficially, that the negotiators have separated into sections, and that various commodities are being examined separately with a view to arriving at a scheme of exchange by barter.

The staff of the German Legation have been working under high pressure in connection with the negotiations, and the information—also unofficial—is that there is no likelihood that any result will be reached before Christmas. Indeed, it seems unlikely that, owing to unexpected difficulties, the German delegates will be able to return to Berlin before the New Year.

NORTHERN COMMONS SCENE

HOUSE COUNTED OUT

UNIONIST MEMBER'S EXCLAMATIONS

"LIKE A PICTURE HOUSE SHOW"

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Thursday.

THERE was an extraordinary scene in the Northern Parliament this evening, when the House was counted out during the discussion on a Labour motion in regard to the appointment of a committee to inquire into the working of the Widows, Orphans and Old Age Pensions Act.

Mr. Hugh Minford (Unionist), who was accused by Mr. Thomas Henderson, the Independent Unionist member for the Shankill Division of Belfast, of never speaking about anything else but pigs, rose and left the House, and, as there were few members present, a count was requested.

DESERTED BENCHES

Mr. J. M. Andrews, the Minister of Labour, was left alone on the Government benches, and Mr. Henderson declared that there was only a solitary member of the Government present, while the workers were starving.

"You are a disgrace to represent the people," he said.

Mr. Henderson sat down, but continued to make remarks across the floor of the House to Mr. Andrews.

"Just look at the people that are supposed to be representing the people of Northern Ireland," he said. "Send out for the Prime Minister, send out to the tea rooms for your colleagues. This is a nice state of affairs."

Amidst laughter from the Opposition benches Mr. Henderson remarked: "Could you get the head of the Pig Board in?"

A moment later he cried out: "Three cheers for the true-blue Unionists that will not sit in the House. This was arranged by the Minister of Labour."

HOUSE ADJOURNED

No additional members entered the Chamber, so the Deputy-Speaker (Major Shillington) declared the House adjourned.

Mr. Midgeley and Mr. Henderson cried out together: "It's a damned shame."

Mr. Henderson, still on his feet, said loudly: "If you staged this show in any picture house in Northern Ireland, you could make enough money to pay all the pensioners in the Six Counties."

THE PARTHIAN SHOT

As the members left Mr. Henderson said: "I move that Mr. Beattie take the chair, and we will start a Parliament of our own."

He pointed to one of the exits and declared that members of the Government were peeping in, now that the House had been adjourned.

FROM "THE TIMES"

(BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.)

MARRIED WOMEN

The Times observes in a leading article to-day:—No bolder or more important reforms have yet been projected by the Law Revision Committee than those embodied in their latest report in relation to the legal position of married women. As the law at present stands, it states, a husband is liable for his wife's naked torts—*i.e.*, those unconnected with contracts. If she is guilty of trespass, nuisance, negligence, libel or slander, or a host of other wrongs, she is, of course, liable, but her husband is liable also. In rare cases, where she is well endowed and he poor, it may pay a plaintiff to enforce his rights against the wife only. In the far commoner case, where the husband controls the purse strings, he will be joined as a defendant, and may find himself heavily mulct in damages and costs by misdeeds not his own, and beyond his control. Indeed there is almost no limit to the loss that a vindictive wife, equipped with a modicum of law, might inflict on an unoffending and helpless consort.

On the more general question of a married woman's liability in contract and tort, the main defect of the law as it stands lies in the difficulty in enforcing efficiently a judgment obtained against a married woman.

Machinery was designed to protect the woman from her own extravagance or her husband's cupidity, explains *The Times*, but the main result of its operation to-day is to frustrate and oppress her creditors, who, notwithstanding a judgment obtained against her, can neither seize the capital nor attach the income before it reaches her hands, nor look to the income even after it has come to her hands to satisfy liabilities incurred by her under a contract made before it accrued due. This immunity which is enjoyed by married women, and by them alone, seems quite indefensible, and the Committee advise uncompromisingly that in any future settlement it should be illegal to create a restraint on anticipation.

THE WEDDING OF AN EARL'S DAUGHTER

LADY MOIRA FORBES BECOMES COMTESSE DE BRANTES

GAILY COLOURED DECORATIONS AT NEWTOWNFORBES

BY OUR REPORTER.

A HOMELY little village where the ivy struggles over the gables of low, whitewashed cottages, and where the rambling streets are arched with overhanging trees—that was the setting of the marriage of Lady Moira Forbes and Comte Louis de Brantes, which was celebrated yesterday afternoon.

In the lives of the people of Newtownforbes the event was one of the most important that could ever happen, and they contributed their share generously towards its happiness. With infinite labour the villagers had decorated their houses with flags, bunting and flowers, until they had produced an effect that suggested some scene from Fairyland. At intervals along the main thoroughfare they had erected gaily-coloured banners, on which were printed such inscriptions as "Vive la belle France," "Long Life and Happy Days" and "Cead Mile Failte." The poles supporting these banners were wrapped with evergreens, interspersed with flowers.

From every window in the village there flew a streamer of bunting and a number of flags. Prominent among the latter were those of France, flying side by side with the tricolour of the Free State. In many of the houses little coloured lamps were displayed, and these, as the evening advanced, were lit, and carried on the colour and brightness of the day.

THE SCENE IN THE CHURCH

Clonguish Parish Church, the small building in which the ceremony was held, also was festooned with bright colours. Before the entrance a canvas awning was erected in order to protect the guests in the event of a rainy day. It was unnecessary, however, for the weather was beautiful throughout. A gentle sun shone continuously, and added brightness to the event.

Crowds from all over the countryside had come to witness the spectacle. They arrived by motor car and cycle, while long before the time at which the ceremony was begun the roads leading to the village were crowded with groups of men and women. All of them gathered outside the little church, where they strove to catch glimpses of those entering and leaving. They were an enthusiastic crowd, and showed their love for Lady Forbes and her father, their patron. Almost everyone in the neighbourhood owes something to the Earl.

The seating capacity of the church, which had accommodation for only four hundred people, was reserved for the guests and the retainers of the Earl's family. The latter were dressed in their best. There were stooped men who had grown old in the service of the family, while there were the younger retainers, gladly conscious of their youth.

BANDS IN THE STREET

In a short time after the opening of the church the building was filled, and those who had not in their possession cards of admission were turned away. In the streets a pipers' band and fife and drum band played airs, while the police were continually engaged in holding back the crowds.

Owing to Advent Nuptial Mass was not celebrated after the actual ceremony, but His Holiness the Pope sent his Apostolic Blessing, which was read by the Most Rev. Dr. McNamee, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, who conducted the ceremony. A telegram of congratulation was received from the King. It was as follows: "Lord and Lady Granard. Our warmest congratulations to you all to-day.—George R.I. and Mary R."

The wedding took place at 2.45 in the afternoon, but Mass had been celebrated earlier in the morning.

THE BRIDEGROOM

The playing of the "Marseillaise" by the fife and drum band heralded the coming of the bridegroom. He was one of the earliest arrivals at the church, for when his dark-blue car swept past the castle gates only a few of the principal guests had arrived. Assisted by the Comte d'Endeville, his best man, who had accompanied him, he stepped on to the footpath, and, as the crowd recognised the tall, handsome figure dressed in the beautiful uniform of a French Army officer, they cheered vociferously. The Comte smiled gently, and, in acknowledgment of the reception accorded him, doffed his large Napoleon hat, and then walked slowly to the church. He was conducted by an usher up the aisle, and took his seat near the altar, where he awaited the coming of his bride.

HERE COMES THE BRIDE

His arrival was followed by that of his parents, the Marquis and Marquise de Brantes, and other distinguished guests, who were also cheered as they alighted from their cars. A few minutes before the ceremony was timed to start there were eager whispers among the crowd of "Here She Comes." Then could be seen a large car creeping down the avenue leading to the Castle.

As the car stopped before the little church the male members of the crowd cheered lustily, while the women rushed forward to catch a glimpse of the bride. She stepped lightly on to the carpet that had been spread for her, and, on the arm of her father, passed slowly underneath the awning and through the portals. Her father conducted her down the aisle, and, as the organ began to play the "Wedding March," she slipped over to the side of the bridegroom beside the altar where he had awaited her. The ceremony then began, and as it progressed a burst of sunshine streaming through the windows lit up the kneeling figures. The responses of the bride, which were delivered in a firm, clear voice, could be heard in every part of the building.

The Most Rev. Dr. McNamee was assisted at the ceremony by the Rev. P. Daly, P.P., and the Rev. P. McCabe, the other clergy present being the Very Rev. Canon Reynolds, P.P.; the Very Rev. Canon Masterson, P.P.; the Very Rev. J. Goodwin, P.P.; the Very Rev. P. Farrell, P.P.; the Very Rev. Ed. McCormack, President of St. Mel's College; the Rev. P. McCormack, C.C., and the Rev. Professor James Reynold.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the bishop read the telegram which had been received from Cardinal Paccelli, the Secretary of the Vatican State, conveying the Apostolic Blessing of His Holiness the Pope on the newly-married couple.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS

The bishop then addressed them. He said: "On the last occasion on which I officiated here at the marriage of a daughter of the noble Granard family, the ceremony was followed by the celebration of Nuptial Mass. It will not be so to-day, and for the reason that the Church does not allow Nuptial Mass in Advent. Contrary to the general belief, she does not forbid the celebration of marriage in Lent or Advent, but only the addition of Nuptial Mass. When her ministers are satisfied by careful investigation—as satisfied they must be in all cases—that there exists no canonical impediment to the proposed marriage, it is not only their privilege, but their duty, to celebrate the marriage on any day of the year that may be most convenient to those concerned. Nuptial Mass, therefore, is not of the essence of the sacrament of matrimony; neither, indeed, are many of the ceremonies that usually accompany it. The essence of the sacrament consists in the matrimonial contract itself—in the mutual giving and acceptance of each other as husband and wife of the parties concerned. The Church, however, reserves the sole right to determine what the conditions shall be for her children. As the State determines the conditions of civil contracts, so the Church determines the conditions of sacred contracts, and more especially of the marriage contract, which lies at the very foundation of Christian civilisation. When the State interferes with marriage, when it claims to make or unmake marriages according to its own legislation, it is a case of Cæsar usurping the rights of God—usurpation fraught with consequent disasters to Christian civilisation and to human society itself, as witness the chaotic conditions of society in large tracts of the world to-day. In her long history the Church has done no greater service to humanity than in her rigid insistence on the sacredness and inviolability of the marriage tie.

"You Madame and you Monsieur, as faithful children of the Church whose laws obtain in France and in Ireland and all over the world, have recognised that it is only under her auspices and with her blessing that you can even validly enter into the holy state of matrimony.

"You will have an ample share of the world's goods and a place of honour and distinction in a noble nation among whose citizens your lot will be cast. We wish you all the joys that may be legitimately derived from them."

SIGNING THE REGISTER

After the Bishop had concluded his address he pronounced the Benediction, and the register was then signed by the Comte and Comtesse. As they walked down the aisle arm in arm the Comtesse was smiling happily and at the door of the church she nodded to some of her father's retainers who were standing there. As they continued under the canvas canopy where a roll of carpet had been spread to protect her train, both stopped and posed for the photographers.

The large crowd surrounding the church burst into cheering, and this was prolonged until they had driven off towards the castle. The Earl and Countess of Granard and General the Marquis and Marquise de Brantes, the parents of the bridegroom, were also saluted with handclapping and cheers, while welcome was also extended to those guests with whom the people had become familiar.

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LEIX EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

REMAND ON £10,400 BAIL

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

PORTLAOIGHISE, Thursday.

At Abbeyleix District Court to-day, Thomas Reilly, ex-secretary, Leix Board of Health, was charged with embezzlement and fraud in connection with the affairs of the Board of Health. The sum involved was stated to be £5,428, and defendant's brother, John Reilly, was charged with the conversion of £35, with conspiracy, and with aiding and abetting the other defendant.

Chief Superintendent Clinton gave evidence as to the arrest of the two men, who, he said, made no reply when the charges were read. He applied for a remand for further inquiries.

Mr. Rolleston, State Solicitor, asked to have the two accused men remanded to a special Court at Portlaoighise on January 2nd.

Mr. Nash, Templemore, solicitor for Thomas Reilly, asked to have bails fixed at £2,000, personal bail, and two sureties of £1,000 each.

Mr. Rolleston said that he had explicit instructions from the Attorney-General to ask the Justice not to allow bail, or, if the Justice ruled against him on this point, that they should be required to give bail for the full amount involved.

Mr. W. J. Ryan, solicitor for John Reilly, asked the Justice to fix his client's personal bail at £500, with two sureties of £100 each.

After a discussion with the solicitors the Justice decided to remand both men to a special Court at Portlaoighise on January 2nd, and admitted them to bail in their personal sureties of £5,400 each, with independent sureties of £5,000 each.

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RAPID SERVICE SCHEME

SIR P. SASSOON'S STATEMENT

SIR PHILIP SASSOON (Under-Secretary of State for Air) yesterday gave the House of Commons "as full a statement concerning the development of Empire air communications as is possible at this stage."

The proposals, he said, are of a far-reaching character, and represent the result of many months' work by the Air Ministry and the Post Office, in consultation with Imperial Airways. They were approved by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom in the late summer, and full details were subsequently communicated to the other Empire Governments concerned. It will be appreciated that, until the views of all the Governments concerned have been received the scheme must be regarded as a basis for discussion only, since their agreement and co-operation are essential.

The scheme, he explained, contains three main features. In the first place, there is to be a very material improvement on present-time schedules between the several parts of the Empire concerned. Secondly, there is to be a substantial increase in the frequency of services, and, thirdly, all first-class mail to the Empire countries covered by the projected services is in future to be carried by air.

THE SCHEDULES

As regards schedules, the scheme, as suggested to the other Governments concerned, envisages a schedule of just over two days to India, two-and-a-half days to East Africa, four days to the Cape, four days to Singapore, and seven days to Australia. As regards frequencies, provision is made for four or, possibly, five services a week to India, three services a week to Singapore and to East Africa, and two to South Africa and Australia, respectively.

With regard to the letter rate proposed I can, as yet, say nothing definite, but we hope that in so far as concerns letters posted in the United Kingdom for Empire destinations, subject to the successful outcome of our negotiations with the Governments concerned, it may be in the region of the present Empire rate of 1½d. But this will apply per half-ounce, instead of to the first ounce as at present. I may say that correspondence covering at least eight sides of special light paper can be sent within the half-ounce limit. It will, of course, be for the other participating Governments to fix their own postal charges.

DAY AND NIGHT FLYING

An integral feature of the scheme is a comprehensive programme for the development of the ground organisation of Empire air routes on a basis which will enable the services, which will cater for passenger as well as mail traffic, to operate by night as freely as by day.

Finally I should add that it will not be practicable to give further details as regards finance, types of aircraft, etc., until the negotiations with the other Governments concerned are completed, and, in particular, I can as yet give no date for the inauguration of the scheme. The provision of the necessary fleet ground organisation, etc., will require a period of something like two years before a project of this magnitude, constituting, as it does, the largest step forward which has yet been taken in the development of Empire air communications, can be brought into full operation. Further, on the postal side, the Postmaster-General has asked me to make it clear that there is little possibility of introducing the three-halfpenny postal rate for Imperial first class correspondence carried by air before 1937.

Major Attlee (Labour) congratulated Sir Philip Sassoon on his statement, and asked whether there would be an opportunity of discussing the matter—whether any supplementary estimate would be required for the inauguration of the service.

Sir Philip Sassoon—I do not think any supplementary estimate will be needed for the moment.

Captain Peter Macdonald (Conservative) asked what Governments concerned had not yet acquiesced in the scheme and when the Minister expected to reach agreement.

Sir Philip Sassoon replied that he could not answer that. He assured Mr. Simmonds that he was fully aware of the necessity of taking every step to facilitate the early commencement of the service.

ROW AFTER CARD GAME

TWO MEN REMANDED IN CUSTODY

From Our Correspondent.

LONGFORD, Thursday.

Mr. J. P. Kenny, D.J., Longford, at 2.30 a.m. to-day held a special Court at the bedside of Thomas Skelly, Balla, Newtowncashel, when John Farrell and Patrick Farrell (brothers), of Carroger, Newtowncashel, were charged with assaulting Skelly on 19th December with intent to kill.

During the proceedings Patrick Farrell, one of the accused men, became hysterical, and was later treated by Dr. Armstrong, of Kenagh.

Skelly told the Justice that on the night previous he was one of a party of card-players in the house of a neighbour, Pat Gilmore. Patrick Farrell, in the course of the game, alleged that witness was signing to another player, and got up from the table swearing that if witness wanted signing he "would give it to him." On his way home they attacked him and knocked him down.

The accused men were remanded in custody to Longford Court on January 2nd.

GAELIC BRAILLE TYPE

THE COMMISSION'S WORK

The Gaelic Braille Type Commission, set up by the Irish Association for the Blind to examine and report on the question of perfecting a standard system of Braille signs for the Irish language, held its second meeting at the offices of the Irish Association for the Blind yesterday. Miss H. M. Macaulay, L.L.C.M., presided.

In opening the proceedings Miss Macaulay said that the Commission was very anxious that everything possible should be done to expedite the Commission's work. She was glad, however, to state that complete unanimity had been reached regarding the eighteen Braille signs to represent the Gaelic alphabet, the five Braille signs to represent the long vowels, and the nine Braille signs to represent the aspirated consonants.

The Braille signs for the numerals and some of the punctuation signs have also been adopted, but she regretted that it was not yet possible to reach agreement as to the Braille signs which should be used to indicate the twenty-one diphthongs and the seven triphthongs.

Dr. C. G. Hardebeck, who devised the first Braille system for the Irish language, expressed his whole-hearted approval of the Commission's decisions.

It was unanimously agreed to ask the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to permit a talk from Radio Athlone in order to explain the Commission's reason for adopting the various signs.

SHIPBUILDING IN BELFAST

TEN VESSELS IN THE YEAR

ADVANCE ON LAST YEAR'S OUTPUT

From Our Own Correspondent.

BELFAST, Thursday.

FOLLOWING the launch at Belfast to-day from Messrs. Harland and Wolff's South Yard of the Union Castle motorship Roslin Castle, the Belfast shipbuilding returns for 1934 were completed. Official returns issued by Messrs. Harland and Wolff show that they launched during the year at Belfast six vessels of 50,413 tons gross. To this has to be added four vessels of 37,200 tons, built by Messrs. Workman, Clark (1928), Limited, giving a total for the year of ten vessels of 87,613 tons. This is the highest tonnage recorded since 1930, the figures reading:—1930, 168,201 tons; 1931, 79,434 tons; 1932, 5,740 tons; 1933, 14,000 tons; 1934, 87,613 tons.

It is an interesting fact that all the vessels launched in the port this year were motor-driven.

TONNAGE RETURNS

The tonnage returns of Harland and Wolff's combined yards for the past year show a gratifying increase over last year's figures. The Belfast, Govan and London output being 83,449 gross tons and 135,450 b.h.p. Of outstanding importance on the list are the large Empire food-carrying motor ships the Waiwera, Waipawa and Wairangi for the Shaw Savill and Albion Co., Ltd., and the Imperial Star and New Zealand Star for the Blue Star Line. These vessels are for service between the United Kingdom and New Zealand and Australia, two of the Shaw Savill vessels being already on their maiden voyages, whilst the first of the Blue Star ships, the Imperial Star, will run trials before the end of the present year. She will be followed early in the new year by the New Zealand Star, and the third vessel, the Australian Star, is to be launched in January.

GOOD TIMES AHEAD

Next year is certain to see a still further improvement, as there is at the moment on hand or on order from Belfast shipbuilders over 175,000 tons of shipping, the greater part of which will be launched within the next twelve months. Substantial orders were secured by Messrs. Harland and Wolff last November, and there is every likelihood that the early part of 1935 will see further orders placed in the port. There are still many empty berths in the port and many unemployed workers, but there is a marked advance as compared with a year ago, and a much greater improvement contrasted with two years ago.

APPEAL AGAINST BANKRUPTCY ORDER

A BELFAST SWEEP DEAL

From Our Correspondent.

BELFAST, Thursday.

A Free State Hospitals' Sweepstake ticket which drew Tuppence in the Derby of 1933 was mentioned in proceedings in the Bankruptcy Court at Belfast to-day, before Mr. Justice Brown.

The case was one in which application was made on behalf of Edmund G. Burnside, of Kincora avenue, Belfast, that an order of November 2 last, whereby he was adjudicated a bankrupt, should be varied or rescinded.

The petitioning creditor was Mrs. Helena A. Jackson, of South Parade, Ravenhill road, Belfast, who opposed the application.

Mr. E. Warnock and Mr. C. A. Nicholson (instructed by Mr. J. M. Hughes) were for the applicant; Mr. E. S. Murphy, K.C., M.P.; Mr. W. Lowry, K.C., and Mr. J. D. Chambers (instructed by Messrs. W. Alexander and Son) appeared for the petitioning creditor.

Mr. Warnock explained that the application was made on the ground that, on the date of the adjudication, the applicant was not indebted to Mrs. Jackson in any amount; secondly, that he had not done any act of bankruptcy. Early in the year 1933 he made the acquaintance of Mrs. Jackson, with whom he went about a great deal, playing golf together. In April of that year, Burnside bought a half share from Mrs. Jackson in two tickets in the Free State Hospitals' Sweepstake on the Derby. They were held under the *nom-de-plumes* "Water Wagon" and "Thirteen."

Subsequently he learned from Mrs. Jaikson that she had procured a third ticket under the *nom-de-plume* "Badminton," and he agreed to purchase a half share in this ticket, also paying a sum of 5s.

A horse called Tuppence was drawn with that third ticket, which qualified for a prize of £1,521, and Burnside and Mrs. Jackson crossed over to England to see the race, but their horse did not win, and started at either one hundred or two hundred to one. On their return to Ireland, the prize money was collected, and Mrs. Jackson paid Burnside £750 as his share, the balance of £21 going towards a celebration at Belvoir Park Golf Club, when they entertained their friends.

Mr. Warnock then referred to Mrs. Jackson's affidavit grounding her petition, in the course of which she said that in March, 1933, she became acquainted with Burnside, who represented himself to be a man of considerable means and property, and their acquaintanceship continued until the month of June, 1933. On June 19, Burnside informed her that he required a loan, and asked her to advance him a sum of £1,000, which she agreed to do. Subsequently she was informed that Burnside made it a practice to become acquainted with people whom he thought had means and borrow money from them and never pay it back. On learning that, she terminated the acquaintanceship.

Mr. Burnside, in the witness box, said that at the present time he had no occupation. He bore out counsel's statement as regards the sweep tickets. He denied that there was any truth in the allegation that he had borrowed a sum of £1,000 from Mrs. Jackson, and had heard no suggestion or mention of such a thing until the institution of the bankruptcy proceedings.

His departure from Northern Ireland had nothing to do with proceedings against him, and he did not hear of his adjudication as a bankrupt until about a week after it was issued. He returned to Northern Ireland, and was arrested by the court messenger at the door of the court.

KING EDWARD'S CORONATION SONG PRIZE-WINNER

Composer of over 700 Irish songs—among them "Husheen," "The Fairy's Lullaby," and "My Dark Rosaleen"—Mrs. Alicia Adelaide Needham, a native of County Meath, and widow of Dr. Joseph Needham, has, states *The Universe*, been received into the Roman Catholic Church at Margate.

Mrs. Needham won the £100 prize for the best song in honour of the Coronation of King Edward the Seventh. She once conducted the Brigade of Guards' band at the Royal Albert Hall, and she is Ovate Bardress of the Welsh Corsedd, with the title of "Harp of Ireland."

Her love of horses drew public attention in the City of London at one time on account of her plan of giving them apples in the streets.

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POSTPONED NAVAL TALKS

JAPAN'S POINT TO BE PRESSED

"FIRST CLASS FUNERAL," SAYS BERLIN

From Reuter's Correspondent.

TOKIO, Thursday.

REPLYING to Admiral Yamamoto's application for permission to return to Japan, the Navy Minister has to-day instructed him to stay in London and continue his efforts to carry Japan's point.

The Japanese Press comments rather acidly on the adjournment of the naval talks, declaring that adjournment is regrettable, though expected owing to the great differences on the principle involved. The newspapers declare that though the British and Japanese views are steadily nearer, there is no glimmer of hope "as long as the United States remains stubborn concerning Japan's fair, just and reasonable claim for parity."

RESUMPTION HOPE

Nichi Nichi remarks that the skilfully worded tri-Power declaration issued in London yesterday conceals the unpleasant atmosphere pervading the talks, which "started splendidly and ended miserably." This newspaper adds that Japan consistently led the way, whereas Great Britain and the United States remained passive.

Resumption of the talks, continues *Nichi Nichi*, seemingly depend on Japan's attitude, but whatever the circumstances might be, Japan will not, and should not, change her standpoint.

A Washington telegram says that Mr. Cordell Hull, the United States Secretary of State, indicated yesterday that America intends to await Japan's formal denunciation of the Washington Treaty before undertaking any new moves.

Re-affirming the nation's policy of watchful waiting, Mr. Hull denied the reports that the United State is considering proposing a gentleman's agreement with Japan and Britain concerning the scrapping of naval vessels during the next two years.

SPECTATORS

A Reuter Berlin telegram states: "First Class Funeral" is the headline in one of the Berlin evening newspapers on its report on the postponement of the London Naval Conference.

Asked by Reuter to give his view on this event, a spokesman of the German naval command said: "There is no reason for us to make any comment. We have followed the London Conference merely as spectators, and must leave it to the Powers concerned to come to an understanding regarding the proportions of their respective fleets."

EUROPE'S SANTA CLAUS SHIP

2,330 SACKS OF MAILS LANDED AT COBH

The United States Lines' steamer Washington arrived in Cork Harbour at 7.30 a.m. yesterday, and landed a total of 102 passengers and 2,330 sacks of American mails before proceeding to Europe *via* Plymouth at 9.35 a.m. This is the largest consignment of mails to be landed here in post-War days, and its despatch from Cove is claimed to be the most expeditious that has taken place for many years.

At ten o'clock the tender Failte, with the mails on board, drew alongside the Deepwater Quay, and in less than an hour and a half the last bag was placed aboard a special train to Cork, where it made connection with the noon train to Dublin, and thus early delivery throughout the Free State was ensured.

The Washington was one of ten vessels to answer the S.O.S. call of the ill-fated Norwegian cargo steamer Sisto, whose crew were picked up by a lifeboat from the Hamburg-Amerika liner New York. On receipt of the message, the liner was diverted from her course, but on finding that the British tanker Mobiloil was already standing by, and being assured that her services were not required, she resumed her voyage towards Queenstown.

Her crew have called her Europe's Santa Claus ship, for she carried a total of 22,000 sacks of American mail, including 8,950 for landing at Plymouth last night. She also carried a total of 481 passengers, among them being Mr. Kilbourne Johnson, son of General Hugh Johnson, former Administrator of the National Recovery Act, and Mr. Paul Moran, assistant manager of the Irish Tourist Association in New York, who landed with his car at Cove.

LARGE PARTY FOR FREE STATE

The Cunard-White Star Line has announced that their motor vessel Britannic is now on her way from New York and Boston with a party of 296 Christmas excursionists on board for Ireland. They are travelling under the personal direction of Mr. J. White, of the company's New York office. The vessel is expected to land 209 passengers at Galway this evening, and the remainder at Cove to-morrow before resuming her voyage to Liverpool.

RED STAR LINE SCHEME

CHANCELLOR'S BAN MAINTAINED

Colonel Sandeman Allen (Conservative), in the House of Commons yesterday, asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer if, in view of the revised proposals submitted by Major Bustard with regard to the operation of the Red Star vessels still available for purchase, and the value of this service, as revised, to the Merseyside, he would consider lifting the ban placed on financial houses in respect of this venture.

Mr. Chamberlain replied—The revised scheme does not differ in principle from the earlier proposals, and, in the opinion of the Government, would have the effect of reviving uneconomic competition in the North Atlantic trade. Therefore, I cannot modify the view I have previously expressed.

EMBARGO ON ARMS

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

From Reuter's Correspondent.

GENEVA, Thursday.

The British Government has lodged a complaint with the Secretariat of the League of Nations against certain alleged violations of the embargo on arms to Paraguy and Bolivia by Belgium and Norway.

A London message states that Reuter was informed by the Foreign Office yesterday that no formal complaint actually has been lodged, but that the Government has drawn the attention of the Advisory Committee to these alleged violations.

HOUSING IN CLARE

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

BOARD OF HEALTH'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Free State Government Bureau of Information yesterday issued the following statement:—

In reference to the Press report of the 19th instant regarding a discussion at a recent meeting of the Clare Board of Health and Public Assistance, as to (1) the delay in building labourers' cottages in the County, and (2) the number of sites excluded from the Clare No. 2 Compulsory Purchase Order, a letter has been sent to the Clare Board of Health by the Secretary of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, in which it is pointed out with regard to (1) that the Minister is satisfied that the statements made by members of the Board attributing the delay to the Department is entirely due to a want of knowledge of the facts.

On the 30th August, 1932, immediately after the passing of the Housing Act, 1932, he wrote to the Board emphasising the generous financial provision provided under the Act for the building of labourers' cottages, and urging the necessity of proceeding at once with the preparation of schemes. At the same time he pointed out that where sites were already purchased for the erection of cottages no delay should take place in making arrangements for an early beginning with building operations. Further communications on the subject were addressed to the Board on the 22nd September and 25th November, 1932.

THE BOARD'S FAILURE

Though sites for the erection of forty-eight cottages were then in possession of the Board six only were completed on the 1st instant, though tenders for eighteen cottages were sanctioned on the 11th August, 1933, and five others within the next three months. On the 18th October, 1933, the Minister confirmed a Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of land for the building of 166 cottages, and notwithstanding that a loan of £50,000 was sanctioned as far back as April last, it appears that building has begun in the case of twenty-one cottages only.

Where a Compulsory Purchase Order has been confirmed the Labourers Acts give ample power to local authorities to enter on the lands pending the fixing of compensation should the occupiers of the lands refuse to allow the Board to enter for the purpose of commencing building operations. No reasons have been put forward by the Board for failure to exercise their statutory powers in this regard if the necessity for such exercise has arisen. The responsibility for the delay (since November, 1933) in proceeding with the erection of the cottages authorised by the No. 1 Compulsory Purchase Order is one entirely of the Board.

EXCLUDED SITES

With respect to the matter referred to at (2), in connection with the number of sites struck out of the Board's No. 2 Compulsory Purchase Order, the Board is reminded that the order proposed to acquire sites for the building of 296 cottages; that the Minister's confirming order authorised the acquisition of sites in the case of 213 cottages; that, in respect of 13 other cottages, the occupiers of the lands consented to give suitable alternative sites, which it is open to the Board to acquire by agreement, and that the net effect was that, of the 296 cottages, proposed sites have been approved, or suitable alternatives can be acquired, in the case of 226 cottages.

Of the sites for 70 cottages which were rejected, 26 were rejected because of unsuitability of sites selected, and the others because of failure to observe statutory requirements.

Details of the failure in these 44 cases are given in the department's letter to the Board of Health.

CORK COUNCIL'S FINANCES

£198,000 DUE TO BANK

From Our Correspondent.

CORK, Thursday.

At Cork County Council finance meeting to-day—Mr. D. L. O'Gorman presiding—the Secretary said that it would be necessary for the Council to increase their overdraft from the Munster and Leinster Bank to £210,000. In that connection he should mention that there was a letter from the bank asking for a progressive reduction in the amount of the overdraft. The rates lodged to date totalled £78,476, or about 18 per cent. of the amount in course of collection. The amount outstanding was £359,000, and in addition 85½ per cent. of sums due by Urban Councils had still to come in, as had also 65 per cent. of the State grants. He had been informed that £24,234 of the agricultural grant would be released for payment that day.

Mr. O'Driscoll suggested a loan to pay off their overdraft.

The Chairman said that that had been frequently discussed. Personally he did not approve of it, but in any event if it were to be discussed it should be done in another place. They were paying £5,000 a year in interest, or about 1½d. in the £1.

Secretary—The Council is quite solvent. If the amounts due were collected the rate struck is sufficient for all liabilities. He added that they now owed the bank £198,000, and payments to subsidiary bodies on the first of the year would call for £65,000.

The meeting discussed whether they should seek sanction for an overdraft of a quarter of a million pounds. The Minister, it was stated, had already sanctioned £230,000, but the bank would not grant more than £215,000.

The Secretary said that they would get in probably £40,000 rates in January, and the Ministerial grant would bring the figure up to £65,000, which would enable them to meet the requirements of the subsidiary bodies up to the first of the new year.

It was agreed to seek continuance of the present authorised overdraft of £210,000.

FREIGHTER TRAPPED IN ATLANTIC GALE

From Reuter's Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

The United States freighter, Severance (5,000 tons), has sent out an S.O.S. saying that she is drifting helplessly in a strong gale with her rudder gone, 18 miles from Fire Island, New York. A coastguard vessel is standing by the distressed freighter, which has 41 persons on board.

ALLOCATION OF CATTLE LICENCES

With a view to representing to the Minister for Agriculture the necessity of a greater proportion of the licences for export of fat cattle being given to the feeders, a deputation of Kildare stall-feeders yesterday visited the Department of Agriculture. They were met by some of the officials, who heard their views and promised to communicate them to the Minister.

The deputation comprised: Messrs. J. N. Greene (chairman), G. Campbell, Athy; John Jeffers, Naas; James Hughes, Carlow; Henry Burns, Mountmellick; T. Connolly, Mageney; S. C. Cope, Castledermot; and M. Walsh, secretary.

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MEAT EXPORT RESTRICTION

AUSTRALIA AND GREAT BRITAIN

"Times" Telegram.

CANBERRA, Thursday.

Messages from London during the past twenty-four hours are regarded as so grave that a special meeting of the Cabinet is almost certain to be summoned next week. Members of the meat industry will probably be consulted.

The contents of the messages are not divulged, but it is authoritatively stated that Mr. Bruce, the High Commissioner in London, has indicated his strong disagreement with the policy of refusing to be a party to an agreement with the British Government for meat export restriction early next year.

It is understood that Mr. Bruce said that persistence in refusal may prejudice Australian producers' interests when Great Britain undertakes long-range control of the British market, and may have an unhappy effect on the expiry of the Ottawa agreement defining Australia's rights in the British market for other commodities.

Developments are much more serious than the Ministry expected, and it is now believed acceptance of the British plan has become necessary.

A BOUNTY ON SALMON

LIMERICK FISHERY BOARD'S PROPOSAL

From Our Correspondent.

LIMERICK, Thursday.

At the meeting of the Limerick Fishery Board, Mr. Liam Forde presiding, Mr. Blood-Smyth said they had been deprived of revenue amounting to £1,000 a year owing to the operations of the Shannon power scheme, and he proposed that they ask for a grant from the Department for that sum.

It was intimated in a letter from the Chief Engineer that the Electricity Supply Board proposed to increase the water supply in Lough Allen, and to raise the high water level by six feet, which would mean that the weir and sluices at the outlet of the lough would have to be reconstructed. The opinion of the Fishery Board was asked as to the advisability of erecting a fish pass there.

The Board replied in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. McKibbin, seconded by Mr. Blood-Smyth, a resolution was passed that owing to the heavy losses sustained last season in salmon fishing, the Minister be asked to grant a bounty on salmon exported similar to that paid on eels.

Mr. A. Mackey referred to a proposal in the Shannon Fisheries Bill to reduce the number of members on the Fishery Board to 15, and he proposed that the Senate be asked not to reduce the representation.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

DONEGAL ALCOHOL FACTORIES

THREE SITES IN COUNTY

From Our Correspondent.

LIFFORD, Thursday.

It is understood here that Ballindrait, Letterkenny, and Carndonagh have been selected as the sites of three industrial alcohol factories in County Donegal. The alcohol will be produced from potatoes. The three areas mentioned are large potato-growing districts. It has been stated that a price of 37s. 6d. per ton will be paid for the crop, but that only a few men will be employed in each factory, and, except for the construction and erection of machinery in the factories, little employment will be given. When a remunerative market can be found for potatoes the factories will not be utilised. In an interview, Mr. Edward Gallen expressed the view that a minimum price of £2 per ton should be paid to the farmers. Donegal had been denied all consideration when it was a question of selecting sites for the beet factories, and this notwithstanding the fact that they had the best tillage record in the Free State since 1851. There was an average potato yield in the county of over ten tons per statute acre.

DUBLIN ACCIDENTS

James Flanagan, of Halston street, Dublin, was taken by the Corporation ambulance to Jervis Street Hospital, Dublin, yesterday, following an accident in which a motor car and motor lorry were involved, at the junction of Lower Abbey street with O'Connell street. He had severe head injuries, but at midnight had recovered consciousness and was improving.

James Lee (60), of Hume street, Dublin, had a seizure in Dame street at about 6 p.m. yesterday, and sustained serious injury when he fell from the footpath to the road. He was conveyed by the Corporation ambulance to Mercer's Hospital, and is there detained. At midnight he was still unconscious.

HOPE OF PEACE

GERMAN CHURCH DISPUTE

From Reuter's Correspondent.

BERLIN, Thursday.

An end of the conflict in the German Evangelical Church may be expected before Christmas. Negotiations to this end began in Berlin to-day, and, as things stand to-night, a decision is hoped for to-morrow.

The conference was convoked by the Nazi Governor and Regional Leader of East Prussia, Erich Koch, and is being attended by all the bishops of the Confessional Front, representatives of the German Christians and other leaders of the two opposing groups. Governor Koch is looking after the interests of the Government and of the Nazi Party.

Reuter learns that the negotiations made much progress to-day, and may reach a compromise which will meet half-way the wishes of the German Christians, and of the majority of the Confessional Front. It is thought probable that Reichsbishop Mueller will go on leave before Christmas, and will not return to office.

The German Christians propose as a compromise the following composition of the Church Government:—

Bishop Marahrens, as Reichsbishop; Dr. Kinder, leader of the German Christians, as Juridical Minister; Bishop Zaenker, of Silesia, and Bishop Schoeffel, formerly of Hamburg.

The Confessional Front, on the other hand, decline a solution with Dr. Kinder on the ecclesiastical ministry, and it is possible that the opposing groups will finally choose Dr. Werner, who was a member of Reichsbishop Mueller's third Government.

The powerful group of the Pastors' Emergency League are, for the present, against both Bishop Marahrens as Reichsbishop and Dr. Werner as Juridical Minister. They would prefer Bishop Koch to become chief of the German Evangelical Church.

Governor Koch left the conference in no doubt that the Government was willing to make its peace with the Evangelical Church if a compromise materialises speedily.

SLOW TRADE AT DUBLIN MARKET

BUTCHERS PAY 15/- TO 17/- PER CWT.

At yesterday's Dublin Cattle Market it would appear that butchers were able to purchase beef at almost any price they liked despite the Government minimum of 22s. per cwt. live-weight, for prime fat heifers and bullocks. In one or two cases the minimum rate was paid for super grade stock, but the proportion of sales effected on a market which contained 1,429 fewer cattle than last week was extremely small. The only demand experienced was for prime quality bullocks. Some of the best Aberdeen-Angus heifers, scaling about 11 cwt., were not sought for, and remained unsold. Very few export licences seemed to be available, and the shipping trade was consequently restricted. Many well finished staffeds had to be sent away to yards to await another market day, owing to absence of competition.

It is understood that butchers bought a number of prime animals at 15s. to 17s. per cwt. direct from owners who were only too glad to sell even at this low price. In exceptional cases up to 19s. per cwt. was paid.

GALWAY SHOOTING OUTRAGE

YOUNG FARMER VICTIM

From Our Correspondent.

GALWAY, Thursday.

Thomas Feeney (22), Rosshill, County Galway, was shot in the legs when walking from a neighbour's house to his home, but was able to make his way to a house, from which he was later taken to the Galway Central Hospital. His injuries, though severe, are not serious. About 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday Feeney left the house of Patrick Conroy, who accompanied him down the road. When they reached Breanloughane three shots rang out, and Feeney fell on the road. Conroy escaped uninjured. Some months ago fences and walls were knocked down, and cattle driven off Conroy's land, and it is believed that the land trouble gave rise to the shooting incident.

INDIAN REFORM PROPOSALS

DENUNCIATION OF REPORT

From Reuter's Correspondent.

NEW DELHI, Thursday.

The Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, after a ten hours' discussion here to-day, issued a long statement strongly condemning the Joint Select Committee's report on Indian reforms, which is stigmatised as "entirely unacceptable" to the Indian mercantile community.

The Committee prefers not to make any alternative proposals, because it is "not oblivious of the tendency of the present Government to impose this new Constitution on India, despite its denunciation by every section of political opinion in this country." Among objections voiced by the Committee are:—

1—That a large proportion of the expenditure, especially at the centre, will be unvotable, making either retrenchment or extra expenditure for the "people's uplift" impossible.

2—The inability of the Central Legislature to amend the Reserve Bank or the currency laws without the Governor-General's consent.

3—The absence of "safeguards" against the abuse of safeguards, with special reference to those against commercial discrimination.

4—The recommendations regarding shipping, which are considered calculated to bar for ever the development of the Indian Mercantile Marine.

5—The care taken "to protect British interests in India as compared with the levity with which the question of the protection of Indian interests in separated Burma is treated."

Finally the Committee, while agreeing that "the success of any constitution depends more on the manner and spirit in which it is worked than on its formal provisions," regrets that it does not find either in the manner or spirit of the recommendations anything conducive to the establishment of that peace and friendliness between the two countries which are essential for the sake of the solidarity of the Empire.

MOTOR CAR CHASSIS

DUBLIN WORKS' REORGANISATION

In order to provide for the assembly of motor car chassis the works of Messrs. McEntagart Brothers, Ltd., at Percy place, Dublin, are to be temporarily closed down.

For the past twelve months this firm has been assembling Standard and Citroen cars in Dublin, and the new development, which is to take place early in the New Year, is necessitating the reorganisation of the works and its staff. Mr. H. P. McEntagart told an *Irish Times* representative last night that, although some of the men will be temporarily unemployed, it is expected that they will all be taken on again when production is restarted. He added that if the Irish-built cars sell well there is every hope that his firm will be able to afford even more employment than at present.

DISFIGURING PIMPLES CAUSED BY DISORDERED STOMACH.

If you are disturbed about your complexion, it's often the fault of your digestion. Fortunately, that's easy to put right nowadays. Just read this letter from Mrs. A. P., of Rusholme, Manchester, who cleared away disfiguring pimples with one small bottle of Maclean Brand Stomach Powder. This is what she says:—

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THE WEDDING OF LADY MOIRA FORBES AND COMTE DE BRANTES

YESTERDAY'S WEDDING—Lady Moira Forbes, elder daughter of the Earl and Countess of Granard, and Comte Louis de Brantes, second son of General le Marquis and la Marquise de Brantes, leaving Clonguish Parish Church, Co. Longford, yesterday after their wedding.

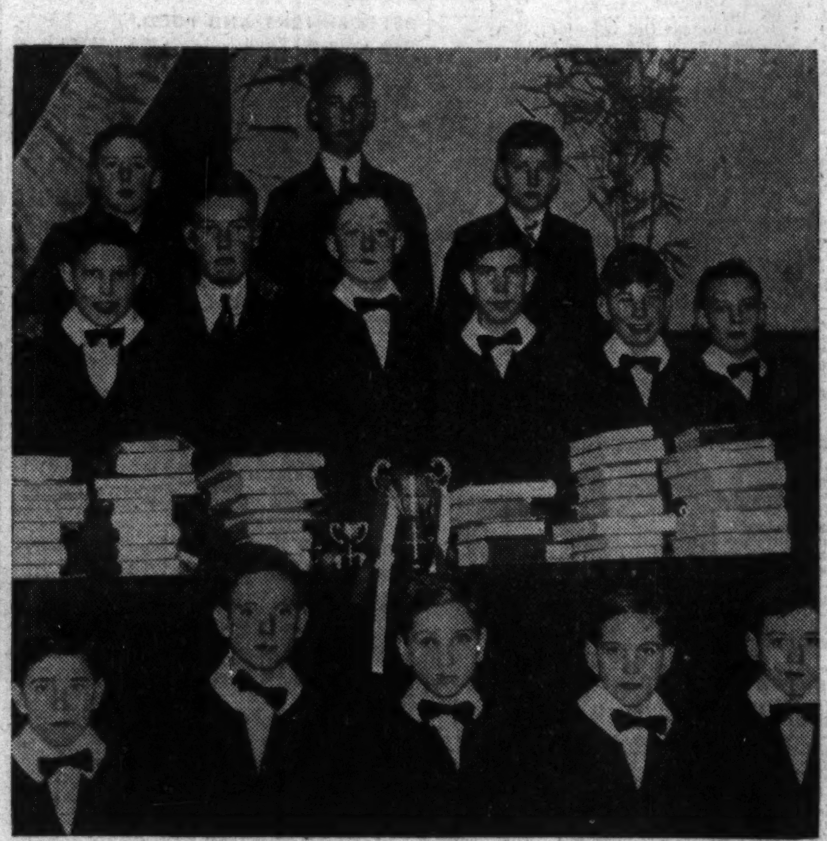
THE BRIDESMAID — Miss Penelope Packe.

Lady Moira Forbes arriving with her father, the Earl of Granard, at Clonguish Parish Church for her wedding.

The Comte and Comtesse de Brantes after the wedding.

Viscount Forbes (centre), heir to the Earl of Granard, and the Earl of Dumfries (brother-in-law of the bride) receiving guests at the church.

General le Marquis de Brantes, father of the bridegroom.



Some of the students of St. Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School, Dublin, who received prizes last night.

A group taken at the annual staff dance of Messrs. Rowntree and Company (Ireland), Limited, at the Gresham Hotel on Wednesday night. Seated (left to right): Mrs. M. R. Dorgan, Mrs. G. A. Bleakley, Mr. G. H. L. King, Mrs. King, Mrs. Henderson and Mr. Henderson. Included behind are Mr. G. A. Bleakley, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Heagney, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Leeming, Mrs. McMurtry and Mrs. Montgomery.

Some of the students of Avoca School, Blackrock, who produced "Vice Versa" at yesterday's distribution of prizes.

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RETURNING TO AUSTRIA

ARCHDUKE OTTO AND HIS MOTHER

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

VIENNA, Thursday.

The Archduke Otto, claimant to the throne of Austria, and his mother, the ex-Empress Zita, are to return to Austria from their long exile in foreign countries, and to take up residence in the Austrian Tyrol.

This move, which is being made, it is stated, with the full knowledge and consent of Dr. Schuschnigg, the Austrian Chancellor, and of Prince Starhemberg, the Vice-Chancellor, will, Reuter is informed by a personage in close touch with the ex-Imperial family, take place some time next month.

Meanwhile Austrian and Hungarian monarchists are displaying feverish activity with a view:

(1) To winning over domestic opinion to the restoration of the Archduke Otto during the first six months of 1936.

(2) To obtaining foreign moral and material support for the restoration movement.

In this connection Baron Friedrich von Wiesenerone, the Austrian diplomatist, and an active legitimist, will be sent shortly to America to establish contacts with the administration and political circles in Washington, and with financial groups in New York, to secure American backing of the Archduke Otto's economic policies in the event of his ascending the throne of Austria and Hungary.

CONTROL OF ARMS BUDGETS

KEEPING A CHECK ON MILITARY STRENGTH

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

GENEVA (Undated).

A scheme for the international supervision of all armament expenditure has been drawn up after eighteen months' work by the Technical Committee of the National Defence Expenditure Commission of the Disarmament Conference.

The basis of the plan is a complete exchange of all information regarding estimates and closed accounts for all money spent on national defence, whether included in the military, naval, and Air Force Budgets or not.

In the Committee's opinion, if the Governments are ready to enforce the Convention loyally, it will be possible to keep a check on all forms of military strength.

The plan, when adopted by the Disarmament Conference, will also enable a start to be made with the limitation of expenditure on armaments.

Simultaneously with the announcement that 90 per cent. of the cotton farmers have voted in favour of a continuation of the Bankhead Crop Restriction Act, Mr. Wallace, Secretary for Agriculture, has indicated that the Agricultural Adjustment Administration is seriously considering extension of the Bankhead principle to crops other than cotton and tobacco.

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MINISTER'S OPINION NOT WANTED

MR. LITTLE, D.J., PROTESTS AGAINST CIRCULAR

At the opening of Dublin District Court yesterday, District Justice Mr. E. J. Little said: "I have received a circular from the Secretary of the Department of Justice, in which he states for my information that a circular, 'of which copy is attached,' has been sent to all District Court Clerks on the subject of the exercise by Justices of the District Court of their powers to bind to the peace. This is, no doubt, a very adroit way of conveying to me the opinion of Mr. Roche (Secretary of the Department of Justice) upon the legal position as to binding to the peace. I require no opinion either from the Minister for Justice or from the Clerk to the Minister for Justice upon a point of law. My decisions in law may be tested by way of certiorari, and it is in that way that the law is constitutionally determined. Once before in this Court I had occasion to protest against the direction of circulars of this kind to members of the Judicial Bench. I reject the reading of the advice tendered in the circular, and recommend the discontinuance of the transmission of such documents."

SLOOP'S LAUNCH POSTPONED

NO REASON GIVEN

The launch of the Admiralty sloop Enchantress, which was to have slipped into the Clyde from Messrs. John Brown's yard at Clydebank yesterday, was postponed at the last minute. No explanation was given for the change in plans. Intimation was made of the launch to the Clyde Trust in the usual way, so that traffic on the river might be warned. At the last minute a postponement was intimated.

An official of Messrs. John Brown's yard, when asked for information, said: "The launch will not take place to-day; that is all I can say."

When her keel was first laid down several months ago, the sloop was to be called H.M.S. Bittern, but during the past week or so alterations have been made in the original plans. It is now thought that the Enchantress, when completed, will be used for survey work instead of shallow water work in the East.

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Financial News & Notes

TONE AND COMMENT

DUBLIN DULL

GUINNESS EASIER

Dublin Stock Market was dull yesterday, and business remained at a low ebb. There was another newcomer to the "other business done" list in the form of the 6 p.c. Participating Prefs. of Sunbeam Wolsey, now 7s. 6d. paid. The markings were 9d. and 10½d. prem.

Free State Funds were unchanged, and Land Bonds fell 5s. War Loan was 2s. 6d. better. Land Stock 1921 rose 10s., and the 1903 issue was 18s. 9d. to the good.

Rails were busier. Great Southern Ord. lost 10s., but the Guaranteed gained a point. Great Northern Guaranteed repeated 48, and the Debs. rose 10s. Dublin Trams were unchanged at 113s.

Guinness units were weaker, and 9d. lower than on Tuesday at 132s. Power Debs. repeated 17s. Alliance Gas rose 1s. 3d., and Carrolls Ordinary 4½d. Fry-Cadbury Prefs. lost 4½d. Ranks (Ireland) Pref., Helys Ord., Irish Cinemas Ord. and Pref., Irish Shell Pref. and Irish Sugar Pref. were all unchanged.

There was only one dealing marked in the British Industrial list, a fall of 9d. in British-American Tobacco. Among Textiles, Courtaulds lost 7½d. at 46s.

LONDON FIRMER

WEST AFRICANS STRONG

While it cannot be said that the volume of business passing in the London Stock markets as a whole yesterday showed any marked expansion, interest broadened appreciably in one or two departments, and the general tenor of markets was decidedly firmer, with a number of outstanding features of strength discernible. Principal attention was directed to the West African Gold Shares, the market being stimulated by the speeches at yesterday's Tarkwa Banket West and Kwahu meetings, and some sharp advances occurred in the afternoon. Motors were another good market, while a number of the leading Miscellaneous Industrials returned enhanced values.

Rather wider attention was directed to the Gilt-edged market, and, while dealings never assumed active proportions, quotations rose steadily, and at the close some substantial gains were registered. Foreign Government Stocks disclosed a firmer appearance, and in a few instances business was on fairly active lines. Chinese issues were favoured, with the 5 per cent., 1912, closing no less than 1½ points harder at 84½, while the 5 per cent. Reorganisation, 1913, were ¾ up at 99¼. Brazil 6½ per cent., 1927, went ½ higher to 37½.

British Rails remained in a neglected condition, and the leaders sustained fresh fractional losses. Among Colonial and Foreign Rails, B.A. Great Southern and Western were each a point harder, while San Paulo Ord. spurted 3½ points to 73½. "Canpacs" rallied 3/16 to 11¼.

Although, as indicated above, the volume of business transacted in the Industrial market generally was not on a materially wider scale, a number of individual features of activity and strength developed, and the market for the most part closed on a firm note. Bass, Benskins and Watneys were all good points, and Manbre, Garton and Tate and Lyle improved. "E.M.I." were marked forward smartly, and Tillings and Austins attracted attention, and improved. Fairey Aviation, however, went off on the halving of the dividend, though they rallied again later.

Mines generally disclosed a firm trend, with West African gold issues leading, and a fairly lengthy list of more or less substantial gains was shown at the close. Oil Shares responded to French support, but Rubbers and Teas were again neglected.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS

Associated London Properties.—Interim dividend on Ordinary of 1¼ per cent. (actual), less tax. (Nil.)

African and European Investment. — The directors, in response to many inquiries made as to the results for 1934, announce that the profits for the year will not be ascertainable until the accounts to December 31, 1934, are made up. The profits so far disclosed are very satisfactory, and the directors will be able to declare the final dividend and issue the report and accounts towards the end of February next. Last year's report and accounts were available in May, and the dividend was 7½ per cent. An interim of 5 per cent. has been declared on account of the current year.

Boulton and Paul.—Loss of £1,854 for the year. The purchase price received for the aircraft part of the business, recently sold, was £100,000, which, together with the proceeds of the sale of foreign patent licence rights, resulted in a capital profit of £42,775, and, after deducting the accumulated trading loss of £19,662, together with this year's £1,854, a balance of £21,259 remains. The directors hope that the resumption of a dividend will not be long delayed if the improvement is maintained, assisted by the reduction in general charges and Debenture interest, consequent on the sale of the aircraft department. The last dividend paid on the Ordinary Shares was 5 per cent. for 1920.

British and Dominions Film Corporation.—For the period ended 27th October, 1934, a final dividend of 4 per cent., less tax, making a total of 8 per cent., less tax, for the period. After writing £5,000 off expenses of issue, carry forward is £11,482.

British-American Tobacco.—The full report of the British-American Tobacco Company confirms the favourable impression created by the preliminary statement of profits published on Wednesday. Total assets have increased by £587,895 to a total of £48,772,542. The principal change in the balance sheet is the increase of £3,046,621 in amounts due from subsidiary and associated companies to £9,372,341. Cash is over £1,000,000 lower at £8,937,382, and sundry debtors' item is £535,305 down at £1,699,512. Stocks of leaf and manufactured goods at £3,488,830 show a reduction of £377,515. Investments in subsidiary and associated companies, together with sundry other investments, amount to £24,624,299, and the auditors state that their actual value largely exceeds the balance sheet figures.

City of London Co-operative Investment.—In addition to interest at 5½ per cent. on Redeemable Preference stock on January 1, 1935, there will be a payment of 1½ per cent. as participation in balance of profit.

Edinburgh United Breweries.—No dividend for year on 5 per cent. Cumulative Preference shares.

Fairey Aviation.—Dividend of 5 per cent. declared. (For the previous twelve months 10 per cent. was paid.)

Hollins Mill Co. (Manchester).—Payment of 3½ per cent., making 6 per cent., on the 5 per cent. Cumulative Preference shares (against 2½ per cent., making 5 per cent., last year). No Ordinary dividend. (Same.)

Henry Boot and Sons.—The directors propose to increase the company's capital by £500,000. The present issued Preference capital amounts to £200,000 in 7½ per cent. Cumulative Participating £1 shares, and holders will be asked to assent to their dividend being reduced to 6 per cent., in consideration for which they will receive one new 6 per cent. Preference share for every two now held.

Illustrated Newspapers.—Payment of 3½ per cent. on account of arrears on Preference shares.

Liebigs Extract of Meat.—Final dividend of 5/- per share, free of tax, on Ordinary in respect of year ended 31st August, 1934.

Real Estate Corporation of South Africa.—Payment of 3 per cent., less tax (same).

Rio Claro Railway and Investment.—Payment of 3½ per cent., less tax, on Ordinary stock, making 5½ per cent. for year (5 per cent.).

Sheffield Free Brewery.—Payment of 20 per cent., tax free, for year (same)

Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co.—Interim Ordinary 4d. per share, less tax.

Sheepbridge Coal and Iron.—Interim dividend of 4d. per share (or 1⅔ per cent.) on Ordinary. This is the same as for the past five years, the final payment each year having been 3⅓ per cent.

Telephone Rentals.—Interim dividend of 3¼ per cent., less tax, for the year ending 31st May, 1935. (Same.)

United Serdang Sumatra Rubber.—Dividend for the financial year ended 31st August, 1934, of 6 per cent., less tax. (Against 3 per cent.)

COMPANY NOTICES.

BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF DIVIDENDS TO HOLDERS OF STOCK WARRANTS TO BEARER FOR ORDINARY STOCK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors in their Annual Report have recommended to the Stockholders the payment on the 17th January, 1935, of a Final Dividend on the issued Ordinary Stock for the year ended 30th September, 1934, of eightpence per £1 of Ordinary Stock free of United Kingdom Income Tax, and have declared a first Interim Dividend on the issued Ordinary Stock for the year from the 1st October, 1934, to the 30th September, 1935, of tenpence per £1 of Ordinary Stock free of United Kingdom Income Tax, also payable on the 17th January, 1935.

To obtain these dividends (subject as to the final dividend to its being sanctioned at the Annual General Meeting, to be held on the 7th day of January next) on and after the 17th January holders of Ordinary Stock Warrants must deposit Coupon No. 157 for the final, and Coupon No. 158 for the Interim Dividend with the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 32 Lombard street, London, E.C. 3, three clear business days (excluding Saturday) before payment can be made.

Dated the 18th day of December, 1934.

By Order,
A. M. RICKARDS, Secretary.
Westminster House, 7 Millbank, London, S.W. 1.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

Thursday Night.

STOCKS AND SHARES:

London firmer.
Dublin dull.
Birmingham Motors brisk.
Manchester Textiles idle.
New York irregular.

MONEY:

Bank of England Rate	2	p.c.
Last Year	2	p.c.
Irish Banks' Rate	3	p.c.
London Day-to-Day Loans	½	p.c.
London Three Months' Bills	9/16	p.c.
Price of Gold	140/8½	
Price of Silver	24 3/16d.	

THE INDUSTRIAL MARKET

AUSTINS IN DEMAND

Although trading remained on a small scale in most sections of the Industrial Market yesterday, the tone generally continued satisfactory. There were a few exceptions, due to special circumstances. The Cable and Wireless traffic index caused some disappointment, and the various issues were marked down.

The trans-Atlantic counters continued undecided in their movements, following Wall Street advices, and finished rather on the dull side.

"Emmies" again showed to advantage on favourable trading reports, and closed 1s. 3d. higher at 31s. 3d.

THE VALUE OF THE £

	Thursday.	Wednesday.	Per Cent. of Parity.
New York	4.94⅛	4.94⅜	101.5
Montreal	4.89¼	4.89½	100.5
Amsterdam	7.30½	7.30½	60.3
Berlin	12.29½	12.29	60.2
Brussels	21.11	21.10	60.3
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40	123.4
Geneva	15.24	15.24	60.4
Milan	57¾	57¾	62.4
Oslo	19.90½	19.90½	109.6
Paris	74⅞	74⅞	60.3
Stockholm	19.39½	19.39½	105.8
Kobe	14⅛	14⅛	175.3

*Close in New York, 4.94½.

Cable and Wireless issues were marked down for reasons stated above, but a few buyers appeared towards the close.

Firmness was displayed by Iron and Steel descriptions, with business on a fair scale. Tube Investments were in request, and rose 6d. to 50s. 6d.

Electrical Equipments had an easier tendency.

In the Aviation group, Faireys came on offer, following the announcement of a dividend of 5 per cent., against 10 per cent. for the preceding twelve months. The shares eventually closed 1s. down at 19s., after fluctuating between 18s. 6d. and 20s.

Motor shares were favourably influenced by the further expansion shown by motor car registration figures. Austins were a particularly strong spot, the shares rising 1s. 9d. to 44s. 6d. Thomas Tilling advanced 9d. to 106s. 9d.

Although slightly easier in places, Breweries made another satisfactory showing, the favourite being Bass Ratcliff which finished 2s. higher at 115s. 6d. Benskins further improved to 70s. 3d., while fresh buyers were also in evidence for several others.

In the Alcohol section, Distillers came in for further attention, and closed buyers around 94s. 9d.

On further consideration of the chairman's remarks at the meeting Carreras "A" were in demand, and closed ⅛ up at 7 11/16. "Cantabs" improved to 51s. 3d., but "Imps" receded to 138s. 10½d. "Bats" held around 6 3/16.

Stores issues moved within narrow limits.

Tate and Lyle continued in request, and finished well up at 101s. in the Provision group.

Textile shares were a fairly active market, although prices changes were not large.

On the whole Rayons were quiet. Courtaulds were on offer, eventually closing at 46s., while British Celanese lost the turn to 11s. 1½d.

Although business in the Miscellaneous section was again of only moderate extent, the group was not without its firm features. Imperial Chemicals issues remained steady. Boots Drug were a shade firmer at 45s. 6d. Beechams Deferred improved to 23s. 6d., but T. Whites were again rather dull. Milling issues displayed little activity, and changes were of small consequence.

OILS FIRMER

Although quiet at the start, with prices inclined to ease, the Oil share market became distinctly firmer as the day progressed. There was a slackening of end-of-the-year selling locally, and a cessation of realisations on Continental account. When this was found to be the case a moderate demand arose for the better-class shares, and the turnover generally was better than for some days.

As a result of the day's business price changes were mostly in the upward direction. A sharp rise occurred in Trinidad Centrals. No news came to hand to account for the demand for these shares, but there was a fairly large buyer in the market. Supplies of the shares were extremely small, and the demand resulted in a rise at one period to 9s. 3d., while at the close a gain of 1s. 7½d. was shown at 9s.

RUBBER SHARES QUIET

Although there was no alleviation of the quietude prevailing in the Rubber Share market a somewhat firmer undertone developed, and the few movements returned at the end were mostly favourable to holders. Quiet and steady conditions prevailed in the raw material department. Spot and January fetched 6 5/16d. per lb. and February sold at 6 5/16d. per lb., while April to June was quoted at 6 7/16d. per lb.

INSURANCE SHARES

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON.—Commercial Union, 11 3/16, ⅛; Employers, 71/-; General Accident, 21⅛, ⅛, ⅛; Guardian, 14 3/16, ⅛; L. and Lan. Fire, 32⅛, ⅛, £33 10/9; N.B. and Mercantile, 42⅛, 1/16; Northern, 19 1/16; Phœnix, 15 3/16, £15 12/3; do. (£1 f.p.), 16⅛, 1/16, ⅛; Prudential, 35 3/16, ⅛, ⅛; do. "B" £1 (4/- pd.), 99/6, 100/3; Royal Exchange, 9½; Royal Insurance, 8 3/16, 1/16, ⅛; Sun Insurance, 94/9, 94/6, 6d; Sun Life (x.d.), 6 1/16.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Assurance, 27⅛, 8; Atlas Assurance, 14 3/16; Caledonian Insurance, £19 15/6; Commercial Union Assurance, 11 3/16, ⅛; Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, 71/9; Federated Employers' Insurance Association, 26/-; London and Lancashire Insurance, 32⅛; North British and Mercantile Insurance, 42 3/16, 1/16; Northern Assurance (x.d.), £19 6/-; Phœnix Assurance, 400001, etc., £16 15/3; Royal Insurance, 8 3/16; Sun Insurance, 94/-, 6d., 3d.

LONDON "STREET" MARKET

Interest in the "Street" market was mostly confined to the Mining shares. Although business was comparatively small, frequent bidding was heard for several issues. East Rand Consols came in for a fair amount of attention and further strengthened to 22s. 3d., while a higher price was quoted for Klerksdorp at 4s. 10½d.

Internationals were not much altered, but prices generally revealed an easier tendency. Nickels finished a shade off at 22 11/16, Tractions held around 10 3/16, Radios eased fractionally to 5, and Canadas closed slightly lower at 11 3/16. Small losses were also seen in Fords at 35s. 9d., and Woolworth at 114s. 3d.

L.M.S. (NORTHERN COS.) RECEIPTS—Last week, £6,042 + £572; total 50 weeks, £325,162 + £37,326.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

—	Closing.		Rise or fall
Consols 2½%	91	91¼	+ ⅛
Do. 4%	116⅝	118⅛	+ ⅛
3½% War Loan	107 15/16	108 1/16	+ 3/16
Funding Loan	116⅝	117⅛	+ ¼
Victory Bonds	117⅜	117⅞	+ ⅛
3% Conversion Loan	105⅛	105⅝	+ ⅛
3½% Conversion Loan	110 1/16	110⅛	+ 5/16
4½% Conversion Loan	112⅞	113⅛	+ 1/16
5% Conversion Loan	122⅝	123⅛	......
2¾% Irish Land Stock 1903	91	93*	......
Irish Free State 4½% Land Bonds	111	113	......
India 3%	90½	91½	......
Do. 3½%	98	99	+ ½
Do. 4½%	113½	114½	......
Do. 5%	106	106½	......
Local Loans	96½	96¾	+ ⅛
Sudan 5½%	115	117	......

PUBLIC BOARDS AND STOCKS.

Cent. El. Bd. 4% 1959-69	107	109	......
Do. 5% 1950-70	115	117	......
Do. 4½% 1951-73	109	111*	......
Do. 5% 1955-75	118	120	......
Do. 4½% 1957-82	113	115	......
Metro. Water 3 p.c. (a)	97	99	+1

DOMINION AND COLONIAL STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5 p.c. 1945-75	112½	113¾	......
Do. do. 4 p.c. 1943-48	105	107	......
Do. do. 3¾ p.c. 1948-53	103	105	......
Canada 4 p.c., 1940-60	107	108	......
Do. 4 p.c., 1953-58	112	114	......
Cape 3½ p.c. Cons.	101	103*	......
Ceylon 5 p.c.	104	106	......
N.S.W. 5 p.c., 1945-65	112⅝	113⅝	......
Do. 4 p.c., 1942-62	102	104*	......
Do. 4½ p.c., 1935-45	102	103	......
New Zealand 6 p.c., 1936-51	107	109	......
Do. 3½ p.c., 1940-54	104	106	......
Nigeria 6 p.c.	129	131	......
Queensland 5 p.c., 1940-60	108½	109	......
South African 4 p.c., 1943-63	108	110	......
Do. 5 p.c., 1945-75	115	117	......
South Australian 5 p.c., 1945-75	112½	112⅝	......
Do. 4 p.c., 1940-60	102	104*	......
Victoria 4 p.c., 1940-60	102	104	......
Do. 5 p.c., 1945-75	112½	112⅝	......
Western Australian 5 p.c., 1945-75	113⅞	114⅞	......
Do. 4 p.c., 1942-62	102	104*	......

BANKS.

Anglo-South American (£10) £5 paid	5 1/16	4 13/16*	......
Bank of Australasia	8¼	9¼	......
Bank of England	378	382	−1½
Bank of Montreal	40	43*	......
Bank of New South Wales	23	25*	......
Bank of New Zealand	2	2¼*	......
Barclay's "A" Shares	10 11/16	10 15/16	......
British Overseas	4⅛	4⅝	......
Canadian of Commerce	32	35	......
Chartered of India	15¾	16¼	......
Hong Kong and Shanghai	136	139	......
Lloyds	39/0	40/0	......
London and S. American	90/0	95/0	......
Martins, £20 (£2/10 paid)	4⅜	5	......
Midland	9 15/16	10 3/16	......
National Discount "B"	12¾	13¼	......
National Provincial (£4 pd.)	14⅝	14⅞	......
Royal of Canada	33½	35½	......
Standard of South Africa	13⅝	14⅛*	− ⅛
Union of Australia	6⅝	6⅞	......
Westminster Bank (£1)	91/3	92/3	......

FOREIGN BONDS.

M.U.—Dec. 17.				
101	Argentine 4 p.c. Rescn.	101	102	......
102¼	Austrian 6 p.c. Guar.	101½	102½	......
—	Do. 3% Guar. Stg. Bds.	103	105	......
101	Belgian 3 p.c.	100	102	......
38¼	Brazil 6½ p.c. S. Bds. 27	37	38	+ ½
100	Do. 5 p.c. Funding	98	100	......
37¼	Do. 5 p.c. do., 1914	36	37	......
103	Chinese 4½ p.c., 1898	102½	103½	......
83	Do. 5 p.c., 1912	84	85	+ 1½
98½	Do. 5 p.c. Reorg. 1913	98¾	99¾	+ ¾
100	Chinese Imp. Ry. 5% Gld	98	101	......
77½	Do. Shanghai-Nanking 5 p.c.	76½	78½	+ ½
30	Do. Tientsin Pukow 5 p.c.	[illegible]	[illegible]	......
105¼	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	104¾	105¾	......
106¼	Egyptian Unified	106	107	......
27¾	French Loan 4 p.c.	27⅝	27⅞	......
64½	German 7 p.c.	63	64	−1
48½	Do. 5½ p.c.	47½	48½	−1
—	Do. Potash 7 p.c.	63	64	......
42	Greek 7 p.c., 1924	42½	43½	+1
35	Do. 6 p.c. Stabs.	34	37	......
32½	Do. 5 p.c., 1914	31	34	......
26	Italian Rentes	34	37	......
94¼	Japan 6 p.c., 1924	94½	95¼	......
87¼	Do. 5½ p.c. Conversion	88	89	+ ¼
11	Mexican 5 p.c., '99	9½	11½	......
11¼	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas	9½	11½	......
45	Peru 7½ p.c. Guano	43	48	......
13¼	Peruvian Corporation	1¾	2¼	+ ¼
8½	Do. Pref.	8¼	9	+ ¾
40	Do. Debs.	40	42	+1
90½	Poland 7 p.c. Sterling	91½	92½	+2
74¾	Portuguese 3 p.c.	74¼	75¼	......
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	74	81	......
4⅛	Turkish 7½ p.c., 1933	3⅞	4⅜	......

BRITISH RAILS.

51	Great Western	50¼	51¼	− ¼
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	115	117	......
20¾	Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Ord	20½	21	− ¼
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	84	88	......
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	103	105*	......
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref., 1923	48	50	......
14¾	Ldn., North-East. 5 p.c Pref.-Ord.	14½	15	− ¼
7¼	Do. Def.-Ord.	7	7½	......
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	70½	72½	+ ½
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	29	31	......
—	Lond. Trans. 5 p.c. "A"	133	136	......
—	Do. 4½ p.c. "A"	122	125*	......
—	Do. "B"	126	129*	......
—	Do. "C"	96	97	......
78¼	Southern Pref.-Ord.	77½	78½	− ¼
22¼	Do. Def.-Ord.	22	22½	− ¼
115	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	116	118	......

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

21½	Antofagasta Ord.	20½	22½	......
—	Argentine G.W. Ord.	8	10	......
—	Bahia Blanca Guar. Stk.	82	84	......
23½	Buenos Ayres Gt. Sthn.	23	25	+1
9	Buenos Ayres & Pacific.	8½	10½	......
21½	Buenos Ayres and W.	22½	24½	+1
—	Canadian National Guar	85	87*	......
11¾	Canadian Pacific ($25)	11 7/16	11 9/16	+ 3/16
14½	Central Argentine Ord.	14	16	......
8	Do. Def.	7	9	......
9	Central Uruguay Ord.	8½	10½	......
4½	Cordoba Central New	3	5	− ½
—	Do. 1st Deb.	41	43	......
11½	Do. 2nd Deb.	11½	13½	......
13	Entre Rios	12	14	......
—	Do. 6 p.c. Cum. Pref.	18	21	......
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar	101	104	......
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	107	110*	......
—	Interni. of Cent. America	4	8	......
8	Leopoldina	7	9	......
1½	Mexican Rails	1	2	......
4½	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	4	5	......
1¼	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	1	2	......
70	San Paulo Ord.	72	75	+3½
2½	United Havana	2	4	......

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	52	55*	−1
—	Chicago, Milwaukee New	2	3	......
—	New York Central	20	23	......
—	Pennsylvania	23	26	......
16½	Southern Common	15	18	......
—	Southern Pacific	16	19	......
106½	Union Pacific	105	110	−1

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

M.U.—Dec. 17.				
110/6	Bass Ratcliff Ord.	114/6	116/6	+2/0
—	Brewers of Vancouver	2/3	2/9	......
11/3	City of London Def. (5/-)	11/3	12/4	......
88/0	Courage Ord.	87/9	89/9	......
94/0	Distillers Ord.	94/3	95/3	+0/3
130/6	Guinness Ord. (£1 units)	131/6	133/6	......
99/3	Ind Coope and Allsopp.	96/6	97/6*	+1/0
—	Mitchell and Butlers	84/0	86/0	+0/6
84/0	South African Breweries	84/0	85/0	......
—	Walker (John) Pref.	32/9	33/9	......
17/9	Walker (P.) & R. Cain Or	17/3	18/3	......
70/0	Watney Combe Def.	70/9	71/9	+0/9

DRAPERY AND STORES.

76/0	Barker (John)	75/6	76/6	......
9/0	Cook, Son and Co.	8/6	9/3	−0/1½
—	Gamage (A. W.)	17/9	18/9	......
78/0	Harrod's Stores	77/3	78/3	......
5/9	Harrod's (B.A.)	5/6	6/3	+0/1½
23/3	Maple and Co.	22/9	23/9	......
—	Marks & Spencer (5/-)	6 1/16	6 5/16*	......
—	Selfridges Pref.	29/3	29/9	......
114/0	Woolworth Ord.	113/9	114/9	......
31/3	Do. Pref.	30/3	31/3	......

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

—	Bournemouth & Poole	78/6	79/6	......
36/0	Charing Cross	35/0	37/0	......
38/0	City of London	37/6	38/6	......
56/0	County of London	56/3	57/0	+0/4½
—	Electric Supply Corp.	57/0	58/0	......
—	Lancashire	37/6	38/6	......
38/6	London Electric	35/6	36/6	......
54/0	Metropolitan	54/0	55/0	......
33/0	North-Eastern	32/9	33/6	......
38/0	St. James's	37/0	39/0	−0/6
—	Scottish Power	42/3	43/3	+0/3
—	South London	34/6	36/6	......
36/0	Westminster Electric	35/6	36/6	......
—	Whitehall Inv. Pref.	20/6	22/6*	......
—	Yorkshire Ord.	47/3	48/3	+0/3

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENTS.

24/6	Associated Electric Ind	24/0	25/0	−0/1½
77/6	British Insul. Cables	76/9	77/9	......
66/6	Callenders Cable	65/9	66/9	......
—	Enfield Cable	14/9	15/9	......
—	English Electric	6/6	7/0	......
21/3	Ever Ready (5/-)	22/0	22/6	−0/3
49/9	General Electric Ord.	49/9	50/9	......
6 13/16	Henley's Telegraph	6 11/16	6 15/16	− 1/16
28/0	Johnson and Phillips	27/0	28/0	−0/6
—	Philips Lamps	48/9	49/9	......
19/6	Siemens	18/9	19/9	......
—	Telegraph Constr.	23/6	24/6	......

INSURANCE.

—	Alliance £20 (£2 4/- p.)	27¼	28¼*	......
—	Atlas £5 (£1 5/- paid)	14¼	14¾	......
—	Com. Un. £1 Units	11	11¼	......
—	Eagle Star Ord. £3	19	20*	......
—	Employers' £1 (5/- pd)	3⅝	3⅞	......
—	Gen. Accdt. £5 (£1½ p.)	20¾	21¼	......
—	Guardian £5 (10/- paid)	14	14¼	......
—	L & Lan. Fire £5 (£2)	32	33	......
—	Lon. Ass. £2½ (£1½ p.)	15½	16	......
—	N.B. & Mer. £5 (£1½ p.)	42¼	43¼	......
—	Northern £10 (£1 paid)	18¾	19¼	......
—	Pearl (£1)	19¼	20¼	......
—	Phœnix £10 (£1 paid)	15⅜	15⅝	......
—	Do. £1 (f.p.)	16⅝	17⅛	+ ⅛
—	Prudential	35	36	......
—	Do. "B" £1 (4/- paid)	4⅞	5⅛	......
—	Royal Exchange	9¼	9½	......
—	Royal Ins. £1 (10/- pd.)	8⅛	8⅜	......
—	Sun Ins. £1 (5/- paid)	4⅝	4⅞	......
—	Sun Life £1 (f.p.)	6	7*	......
—	Yorkshire 50/- (10/- pd.)	8¼	8¾	......

IRON AND STEEL.

3/9	Amal. Anthracite	3/4½	3/10½	......
45/3	Babcock, Wilcox Ord.	44/6	45/6	......
5/0	Baldwins	4/9	5/3	......
4/3	Brown (John) (6/-)	4/3	5/3	......
2/7½	Cammell Laird (5/-)	2/3	2/9	......
78/9	Cory (William)	77/3	78/3	......
1/4½	Dorman Long and Co.	1/3	1/9	+0/1½
17/9	Guest Keen	17/6	18/6	......
4/3	Pease and Partners	4/3	4/9	......
19/1½	Powell Duffryn	19/3	19/9*	−0/1½
34/6	South Durham Steel	34/9	35/9	+0/6
38/3	Stewarts & Lloyds Def.	37/9	38/9	+0/4½
27/0	United Steel Cos.	27/9	28/9	+0/9
10/0	Vickers Ord.	9/9	10/3	+0/1½

OILS.

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13/3	Anglo-Ecuadorian	12/10½	13/4½	......
1 15/32	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1 13/32	1 15/32	......
2⅛	Anglo-Persian Ord	1 31/32	2 1/32	......
36/0	Do. 8 p.c. 1st Pref	35/10½	36/4½	......
37/0	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref	36/0	36/6*	......
24/7½	Apex Trinidad (5/- shares)	24/10½	25/4½	+0/1½
1 3/16	Attock	6/0	7/0	......
9/10½	British Borneo Pet. (6/0)	9/7½	10/1½	......
5/3	British Burmah (8/)	5/0	5/6	+0/3
3/1½	British Controlled	2/10½	3/4½	+0/1½
7/1½	Do. Pref.	6/10½	7/4½	+0/1½
3 3/16	Burmah	3⅛	3 3/16	......
38/7½	Do. 8 p.c. Pref	38/6	39/0	......
5/0	Canadian Eagle Ord.	4/10½	5/1½	+0/1½
11/10½	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref ($5)	11/9	12/3	......
6/6	Do. 8 p.c. Pref	5/6	6/6	......
2/6	Kern River (10/)	2/3	2/9	......
1 19/32	Lobitos	1 17/32	1 19/32	− 1/32
6/0	Mexican Eagle Ord	5/10½	6/1½	+0/1½
6/6	Do. 8 p.c. Pref	5/9	6/9	......
7/9	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref. (4 pesos)	7/3	8/3	......
8/0	North Caucasian (10/)	7/7½	8/1½	......
8/0	Phoenix Oil	3/7½	4/1½	......
6/6	Do. 1/- shares	1/0	1/6	......
18¼	Royal Dutch	18⅛	18⅜	+ ¼
2 7/32	Shell Transport	2 5/32	2 7/32	......
12¼	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	12⅛	13⅛	......
32/4½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref	32/4½	32/10½	+0/1½
8/3	Steaua Romana	8/9	9/3	+0/6
3/3	Tankers Pref	3/0	3/6	......
7/0	Trinidad Central	8/9	9/3	+1/7½
2 7/16	Trinidad Leasehold	2 11/32	2 13/32	+ 1/32
1⅜	V.O.C. Holdings	1 13/32	1 15/32	......
1⅜	Do. 7 p.c. Pref	1 13/32	1 15/32	......

TEAS.

Amal. Estates	13	......	Imperial	11 7/32	− 1/32
Assam Con	9/32	− 1/32	Jatinga Valley	1 7/16	......
Assam Front'r	1 1/16	......	Jhanzie	1 11/16	− 1/16
Bog'want'lawa	2¼*	......	Jokai	2 1/16	......
Borelli	2 7/16	− ⅛	Jorehaut	2 1/16	......
Brahmapootra	21*	......	Kanan Devan	25	......
Brit. Indian	2¼*	− 1/16	Lebong	1 13/16	− ⅛
Budla Beta	1¼	......	Lungla	2 11/32	......
Ceylon Plant	2 13/16	......	Makum	1 13/16	......
Ceylon Prop.	1⅝	− 1/16	Moabund	1 1/16	......
Chargola	1 9/16	......	Nadeem	2¼	− 1/16
Chubwa	2 13/16*	......	New Dimbula	3⅝	......
Chulsa	2⅝	......	Newara Eliya	3⅞	......
Co. Tea & L.	22	− ½	Ouvah	3⅛	......
Darjeeling Co.	1 7/16	......	Peacock & Nil.	2/0	......
Do. Consol	2 1/16	......	Pabbojan	3⅛	......
Deundi	1⅜	......	Pundaloya	2 13/16	......
Dimbula Val.	1 11/16	......	Rosehaugh Ce.	1 13/16	......
Dooars	2⅝	− ⅛	Scottish Assam	1⅞	......
Doom Dooma	2	......	Scot. T. & La.	2 3/16	− ⅛
E. Assam	1 7/16	− 1/16	Singlo	2 7/16	......
East Produce	2⅝	......	Sumatra	2 3/16	......
Empire	2 1/16	− 1/16	Travancore	1 5/16	......
Galaha Ceylon	1 5/16	......	Up. Assam	2¼	− 1/16

RUBBERS.

22/4½	Anglo-Dutch	22/6	+0/1½
13/6	Anglo-Malay	13/1½	+0/7½
3/3	Bukit Mertajam	3/0	......
10½	Bukit Sembawang	0/10½	......
17/0	Grand Central	17/0	......
30/0	Highlands	30/0	......
11/9	Jugra Land	11/4½	......
29/6	Kuala Lumpur	31/4½	+0/10½
19/4½	Linggi	19/1½	......
4/0	London Asiatic	4/0	......
23/7½	Malacca	23/3	+0/6
35/3	Malayalam	35/3	+0/2¼
2/10½	Merlimau-Pegoh	2/10½	......
20/0	Rubber Trust	20/3	+0/1½
21/3	Tandjong	21/0	......
25/0	Tandjong Malim	24/9	......
53/9	United Sua Betong	53/1½	......
9/3	Vallambrosa	9/8¼	+0/1½

Allagar	1/9	......	Kombok	2/3	−0/1½
Batu Tiga	29/6	......	Kuala Sel	3/6	......
Bernam Per'k	2/6	......	Ledbury	23/3	......
Brit. I.G. Trst	77½	......	Manch'r N.B.	13/1½	......
Brit. E. Java	1/4½	......	N. Hayoop	0/7½	......
Broome Sel(2/)	3/10	......	N. Hummock	11/3	......
Buntar	1/10½*	......	P.P.K (G'y'n)	13/9	......
Chersonese	2/7½	......	Pataling	34/4½	......
Cheviot	4/1½	+0/1½	Perak (2/)	2/9	......
Cicely	4/1½	......	Rambutan	1/1½	......
Djasinga	17/1½	......	Rim Malacca	2/6*	......
East Sumatra	2/6	......	Sedenak	23/0	......
F.M.S. Plant	30/0	......	Soember Ajoe	2/0	......
Gen. Ceylon	23/9	......	Sungei Siput	1/10½	......
Glenbervie	1/6	......	Taiping	18/11¼	......
Golden Hope	29/0	......	Telogoredjo	3/3	......
Java Amal.	23/9	......	Un.Serd'ng 2	3/3	......
Kamuning	13 6½	......	Yam Seng	2/9	......
Kepitigalla	1/1	......			
Kinta Kellas	2/0	......			

LAND AND INVESTMENT.

18/0	Argentine Land Invest.	17/9	18/9	......
15/6	Do. Southern Land	14/3	15/3	......
—	Covent Garden Ord.	29/6	30/6	......
14/1½	Forestal Land	14/0	15/0	......
22/3	Hudson's Bay Ord.	21/3	22/3	......
3 1/32	Hyderabad Deccan	1 5/16	1 7/16	......
1/6	Pekin Syndicate	1/3	1/9	......
30/6	Sudan Plantations	29/6	30/6	−0/3

MOTORS AND AEROPLANES.

42/0	Austin Motor (5/-)	54/3	54/9	+1/9
30/0	Do. "B" Pref.	30/0	31/0	......
2⅝	De Havilland	50/9	51/9	+0/3
24/0	Dennis Bros. (2/-)	24/3	25/3	+0/3
20/9	Fairey Aviation	18/6	19/6	−1/0
35/9	Ford Motors	35/6	36/3	+0/4½
—	Handley Page Pref. (8/-)	12/3	13/3	−0/6
27/3	Hawker (5/-)	26/6	27/3	−0/1½
—	Imperial Airways	42/9	43/9	......
39/0	Leyland Motors	39/6	40/6	......
—	Morris 7½ p.c. Pref.	30/0	31/0	......
9/0	Napier Ord. (5/-)	9/0	9/6	+0/3
108/0	Rolls Royce	108/3	109/0	......
15/0	Singer Ord.	14/9	15/9	......
—	Standard	61/6	62/6	−0/6
102/6	Tilling (Thomas)	105/6	106/6	+0/9

NEWSPAPERS.

24/0	Allied Newspapers Ord.	23/6	24/6	......
—	Amal. Press (New)	18/0	19/0	......
25/9	Assd. Newspaper Def.	25/0	26/0*	......
53/6	Daily Mail Trust	52/6	53/6	......
15/1½	Daily Mirror Ord.	14/6	15/6	......
—	Financial Newspapers	4/0	4/6	+0/3
10/6	Odhams Press (4/-)	10/0	11/0	......
47/6	Sunday Pictorial Ord.	47/3	48/3	......

NITRATES.

10	Cosach 7 p.c. Ster. Bds	59	61	......
6/9	Lautaro Nitrate 7 p.c. Pref. (£5)	6/3	7/3	......

REFRESHMENT AND FOOD.

26/0	Aerated Bread	25/6	26/6*	......
18/0	Bovril Def.	17/6	18/3	......
7½	Crosse & Blackwell	0/6	0/9	......
10/0	Home & Colonial (4/-)	9/9	10/3	......
33/3	Inter. Tea Ord. (5/-)	33/4½	33/10½	+0/4½
23/6	Lovell & Christmas	23/3	24/3	+0/3
7 1/16	Lyons (J.)	7	7⅛	......
2/10½	Maypole Def.	2/7½	3/1½	......
—	Scribbans	21/3	21/9	−0/6
—	Do. Def.	14/0	14/9	−0/4½
41/0	Schweppes Ord.	1 31/32	2 3/32	......
—	Smithfield Arg. Meat	1 5/16	1⅞*	......
23/0	Unilever Ord.	22/9	23/3	......
24/0	Do. (N.V.)	23/6	24/0	−0/3

SHIPPING.

—	Cairn Line	3/6	4/3	......
—	Cunard Ord.	4/0	4/6	......
—	Elder-Dempster 6% Pref.	1/0	3/0	......
—	Furness Withy	16/3	17/3	......
—	Houlder Pref. (£5), 4-5	5½	6½	......
—	P. and O. Def. (£1)	17/6	18/0	−0/3
—	Royal Mail Ord.	0	5	......
—	White Star 6½% Pref.	0/7½	1/1½	......

TEXTILES AND ARTSILKS.

6/3	Bleachers	6/4½	6/10½	+0/4½
9/4½	Bradford Dyers	9/0	9/9	......
11/6	British Celanese Ord.	10/10½	11/4½	−0/1½
14/9	Do. Pref.	14/7½	15/1½	......
9/4½	Calico Printers	9/0	9/9	......
4	Canadian Celanese	3 15/16	4 1/16	......
65/9	Coats	66/0	66/9	+0/7½
45/3	Courtaulds	45/9	46/3	−0/4½
44/6	English Sewing Cotton	44/0	45/0	−0/3
7/6	Fine Spinners	7/6	8/0	......
5/3	Jute Industries Pref.	5/6	6/0	−0/3
—	Linen Thread Ord.	27/0	28/0	+0/6
8/0	Lister Ord.	7/9	8/3	......
55/3	Patons and Baldwins	54/6	55/6	......
3⅞	Snia Viscosa	3⅜	3⅝	......
—	Whitworth Mitchell	29/0	30/9	−0/4½

TOBACCOS.

6 7/32	British-American Tobacco	6 3/16	6¼	......
7 9/16	Carreras "A"	7⅝	7 3/4*	+ ⅛
19/0	Do. "B" (2/6)	18/9	19/3*	......
—	Cope Bros.	2⅛	2½*	......
—	Gallaher	4 13/16	4 15/16	......
38/9	Godfrey Phillips	38/9	39/9	......
138/9	Imperial Tobacco Ord.	138/9	139/0	−0/3
50/0	Do. Canada	50/9	51/9*	+0/6
—	Tobacco Trust Ord.	4¾	4⅞*	......
—	Do. Def.	5 11/16	5 13/16*	......
6 1/16	United Tobacco (Sth.)	6 5/16	6 9/16	......

TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES.

31½	Anglo-American Def.	31	32	......
83	Cables & Wire. 5½% Pref.	82	82½	− ¾
18½	Do. 7½% "A" Ord.	18	18½	− ⅝
7	Do. "B" Ord.	6¾	7¼	− ¼
33/9	Marconi Marine	33/3	34/3	......
8/0	Do. Canada	7/9	8/3	......
—	Oriental Telephone	3 5/16	3 5/16	......
5⅛	Radio Corporation	4 15/16	5 1/16	− 1/16

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

39/7½	Associated Cement	39/9	40/3	......
6/1½	Assocd British Pictures	5/3	5/7½	......
—	Beecham's Pills Ptg. Pf	33/6	34/6	......
23/0	Do. Def. (5/-)	23/0	24/0	+0/6
45/9	Boot's Pure Drug (5/-)	45/3	45/9*	+0/1½
11/4½	Borax Con. Def.	10 5/16	10 7/16	......
9 15/16	Brazilian Traction	10¼	10⅜	− 1/16
28/6	British Aluminium	28/3	28/9	......
39/0	British Match	37/6	38/6	......
3¼	British Portland Cement	3 11/16	3 15/16	......
—	British Power and Light	21/0	22/0	−0/3
42/9	British Oil and Cake	43/3	44/3	+0/3
82/6	British Oxygen Ord.	82/9	83/3	−0/3
—	Cerebos Ord.	6 5/16	6 9/16	......
—	Crittal's Manufacturing	7/0	8/0	−0/3
48/6	Dunlop Rubber	48/0	48/9	......
50/1½	Eastwoods Ord.	2 7/16	2 9/16	......
34/0	Electric and Musical	31/1½	31/4½	+1/3
38/0	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	35/0	36/0	......
—	Finlay (James)	66/0	67/0*	......
9/7½	Gaumont British	9/0	9/6	......
—	Do. "A" Ord	4/0	4/6	−0/3
16/9	Do. 5½ p.c. Pref.	15/9	16/9	......
—	Harland Wolff Pref.	4/3	5/3	......
36/4½	Imp. Chem. Indus. Ord	36/3	36/6	......
9/1½	Do. Def.	9/0	9/6	......
34/3	Do. Pref.	33/9	34/6	......
22⅞	International Nickels	22¾	22⅞	− ⅛
—	Do. Paint	45/0	46/3	......
82/6	London Brick and F.	81/6	82/6	......
22/9	National Canning	23/0	24/0	......
—	North American Co.	12¾	13¾	......
—	Reckitt Ord.	5 11/16	5 13/16	......
—	Ste. Madeleine Sugar	12/0	13/0	......
38/9	Salt Union	37/9	38/9	......
63/0	Spillers Ord.	62/9	63/9	......
48/3	Do. Def.	48/3	49/3	......
13/0	Swedish Match B	12/3	13/3	......
99/0	Tate and Lyle	100/6	101/6	+0/9
71/0	Triplex Glass	67/6	68/6	−0/9
18/4½	United Molasses	17/3	17/9*	+0/1½
2⅞	Wall Paper Def.	2 13/16	2⅞	− 1/32
49/7½	White Tomkins Ord.	2	2⅛	......
34/0	Wiggins Teape Ord.	34/6	35/6	+0/3

Mr. Hugo Flinn, Parliamentary Secretary to the Commissioners of Public Works, yesterday inspected relief works which are being carried out by the Dublin Port and Docks Board. Mr. Flinn, who was met by the chairman of the Board, Mr. T. F. Laurie, was escorted on his inspection by the engineer, Mr. Joseph Mallagh.

LONDON MINING MARKET QUIET

MOVEMENTS NARROW

Contrary to anticipations, the Mining Market made quite a good showing yesterday, the approach of the week-end and the holiday failing to check the growing feeling of enthusiasm. It is true that business was mainly of a professional character, but it was of sufficient volume to lift prices practically all round.

Even Kaffirs had a better appearance, and the Cape was reported a small buyer of some of the Deep Level propositions, and Ranfontein and some of the more speculative counters were a distinctly harder market.

Business in Rhodesians was still on a modest scale, but there were more buyers than sellers about and the trend of values was upward.

Business in West Africans expanded considerably.

There was again a fair demand for several of the Australian descriptions, especially those associated with the Yellowdine discoveries. Floating supplies were not in all cases sufficient to meet the demand and prices strengthened.

Tin descriptions remained very quiet, but in the Miscellaneous list Burmas reacted smartly. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U.—Dec. 17.		
34/9	Afric & Eur	33/9-34/3—0/3
32/0	Ang.-A. Corp	30/10½-31/4½*
29/6	Anglo-French	29/3-29/9
8⅜	Brakpan	7 31/32-8 1/32*
20	Cent. Mining	20¼-20½
1¼	City Deep	1 25/32-1 27/32 + 1/32
3 7/16	Con. Goldf'ds	3 7/16-3½ + 1/32
3⅜	Cons. M.Reef	3¼-3 5/16* + 1/32
29/3	Con. M.Sel.	28/0-28/6
13 5/16	Crown Mines	12 11/16-12 13/16* − 1/16
⅛	Daggafont'n	7 9/32-7 11/32*
7/32	Durban Deep	2⅛-2 5/16* + 1/32
1⅞	E.Daggafont'n	1 13/16-1⅞ + 1/16
8⅞	East Geduld	8½-8 9/16* − 1/32
50/6	E.RandProp	48/1½-48/7½* − 0/1½
22/0	E. Rand Cns.	22/1½-22/4½ + 1/1½
9 5/16	Geduld	8 1/32-9 3/32*
1⅛	Golden Deep	1 11/32-1 13/32
3⅜	Gen. Mining	3 15/32-3 17/32
3 5/16	Govt Areas	3⅛-3 3/16*
6⅝	Grootvlei	6 21/32-6 25/32 − 1/16
31/0	H.E. Prop.	31/3-32/3—0/3
69/4½	Johan Invsts	69/6-70/0
2 21/32	Kleinfontein	2⅝-2 11/16*
1⅝	Knight's	1 13/32-1 15/32*
1¼	Lace Prop.	1 11/16-1¾ + 1/32
35/6	Langlaagte E	32/9-33/3*—0/3
15/6	Luipards Vlei	15/0-15/3* + 0/4½
—	Modderfontn	3¼-3 13/16*
28/3	Modder B.	26/6-27/0* + 0/3
21/9	Modder Deep	18/6-19/0*
3 1/16	Modder East	2 15/16-3 1/16*
3⅜	New S. Areas	3 3/16-3 5/16*
2 27/32	Nigel	2 25/32-2 27/32*
2 5/32	Nourse	1 31/32-2 1/32* − 1/32
27/32	Oceana Devl	¾-⅞ − 1/32
7 1/32	Rand Mines	6 13/16-6 15/16* − 1/16
23/9	Rand Select	24/3-23/9
52/6	Randfontein	51/3-51/9* + 0/3
2 17/32	Robin DeepB	2 13/32-2 15/32* − 1/32
1¼	Rose Deep	1 3/16-1¼*
9/0	Simmer & J.	9/7½-9/10½*
14/3	S.A. Towns	13/6-14/0*
20/6	Sth.-W. Af.	1-1 1/16
8½	Springs	8 5/32-8 7/32*
12⅛	Sub Nigel	11 5/8-11 7/8*
6⅜	Trans' Del.B	6 5/16-6 9/16
2 5/16	Trans. Con. L	2 9/32-2 11/32*
29/32	Trans. Gold*	17/6-18/6
6 13/16	Union Corp	6 13/16-6⅞
1 31/32	Van Ryn	37/6-38/0*
3 7/32	Do. Deep	3 1/32-3 3/32* + 1/32
2	Vereeniging	1 31/32-2 1/32
1⅞	Vogelstruisb'lt	1 11/16-1⅞
2⅜	Welgedacht	2⅛-2⅜ + ⅛
32/3	West R.Con	31/7½-32/1½*
2	West Springs	1⅞-1 15/16* − 1/32
1½	West Wit Ar	1 13/32-1 15/32
2 1/16	Wit. Deep	1 15/16-2*

RHODESIAN.

M.U.—Dec. 17.		
7/6	BechuanaEx	7/3-7/9
3/0	B. M'Kubwa	3/1½-3/4½
3 11/16	Cam & Motor	3 25/32-3 27/32* + 1/32
20/9	Char. B.S.A.	20/6-21/0
28/9	Globe & Phœ	29/0-30/0 + 0/6
13/3	GoldF.Rhod	13/0-13/6 + 0/1½
1/10½	Loangwa	1/9-2/0
9/0	Lonely Reef.	7/16-½ + 1/32
5/6	Lon. Rhod 5/	5/0-5/6
2⅞	Rezende	2 11/16-2 13/16*
7/10½	Rhod. Corp.	7/10½-8/1½ + 0/3
7/6	Rho. Kat'nga	7/0-8/0
8/0	Rhod. Select	8/3-8/6
4⅜	RhokanaCorp	4½-4⅝
23/3	Roan Antel	23/3-23/9 − 0/1½
9/0	Select'n Tst.	9/1½-9/4½ − 0/1½
2/6	Selukwe (2/6)	4/7½-4/10½ + 1/0
7/3	Sherw'd Starr	6/9-7/3
11/0	Tangan. Con	11/0-11/6 + 0/3
11/3	Do. 6p.c.Pf	11/3-11/9 + 0/3
6⅞	Vic.FallsOrd	6 31/32-7 1/32*
46/6	Do. Pref.	45/0-46/0*—0/3
22/0	Wankie Col.	22/9-23/0
15/6	Zamb Expl	15/3-16/3 + 0/3

AUSTRALIAN.

⅜	Amal. Zinc	5/16-7/16
2 1/32	B. Hill Prop	40/0-41/0
3 1/16	Do.Sth New	3-3⅛
9/6	Gt.Bould'r	9/3-9/9*
24/9	Lake V.Star	24/6-25/0
13/0	Lake V Inv.	12/7½-13/7½*
3/9	Mount Isa	3/0 4/0
3 15/16	Nth.Bn.Hill	3 15/16-4 1/16
1 5/32	Sons of Gwalia	39/3-40/3*
24/0	Sth. Kalgurli	22/0-23/0*
5/4½	Sulphide Ord	4/6-5/6
13/3	Do. Pref.	19/32-21/32*
62/0	Wiluna Gold	61/3-62/3 + 0/3
1 7/32	Zinc Ord (10/)	1 3/16-1 5/16*
4⅛	Do. Pref.	3⅞-4⅛

WEST AFRICAN.

12/0	Ariston	11/10½-12/1½
48/0	Ashanti (4/)	48/6-49/0 + 0/9
6/6	Atta Gold(2/)	6/6-7/0 + 0/3
23/0	Bibiani	23/9-24/3 + 0/3
14/9	Fanti Cons.	14/3-15/3
37/0	G.Coast Sel	39/3-39/9 + 1/6
3⅛	Kwahu(2/)	3 5/32-3 7/32 + 1/16
2/7½	L'dhurst Deep	2/6-2/9
3/3	Nth Ashanti	3/1½-3/4½
29/6	Taqu'h&Abs.	29/6-30/0* + 0/3

COPPER.

5/0	Messina	4/9-5/9 + 0/3
13/9	Mount Lyell	13/3-14/3
1/3	Namaqua	1/0-1/6
13¾	RioTinto(£5)	13⅜-13⅝ − ¼
3	Tharsis	2 15/16-3 1/16

TIN.

M.U.—Dec. 17.		
3/9	Anglo-C.(10/-)	29/-3/3
6/6	Anglo-Orient	6/3-6 9
22/6	Do Pref	22/3-22/9
19/0	Aramayo	19/0 20/0
7/0	Associa'd Tin	6/10½-7/1½
13/9	Ayer Hitam	13/4½-10½*
7/9	Bisichi	7/3-7/9—0/3
—	Changkat	48/0-49/0*
30/3	Gopeng	29/6-30/3*
23/0	Ipoh	1⅛-1¼
15/16	Kaduna Synd	⅞-1
17/0	Kamunting	11/10½-12/4½
28/6	Kram'tPul(5/)	27/6-28/6 + 0/3
10/7½	Lond. Tin	10/6-11/0—0/3
28/0	Malayan TD.	26/6-27/0*—0/3
5/6	Naraguta	6/0-7/0
9/0	Pahang(5/)	8 9-9/3
13/3	Petaling	13/0-13/6
2/4½	Rahm'n Hydr	2/1½-2/7½
7/0	Rambutan	7/4½-7/7½
23/9	Renong	1 5/32-1 7/32
25/9	Siamese	25/3-25/6*
—	Sth. Kampar	37/6-38/6
4/0	Tavoy (4/)	3/9-4/3
13/4½	Tronoh (5/)	13/0-13/6*

DIAMOND.

2¼	Cons. Af. Sel.	2 3/16-2 5/16
4¼	DeBeers Def	4 1/16-4 3/16
9⅛	Do. Pref.	10-10⅛ + 1/16
⅞	Jagersf'tein	1 5/16-1 7/16
2 1/16	Premier Pref	1⅞-2⅛
5/9	West African	5/6-6/0 + 0/1½

MISCELLANEOUS.

11/3	Burma Corp	10/6-10/9—0/7½
0/8	Camp Bird	0/7½-0/10½
33/0	Champ. Reef	33/6-34/6
37/0	Chos. Corp.	35/3-36/0*
4/0	Explor.(10/-)	3/3-4/6
31/3	Frontino	1⅝-1¾
8/0	Min.Sepa't'n	3-3⅛ − ⅛
4/6	Min.Crp.Can	4/6-5/0
21/9	Mysore(10/)	21/3-22/3
58/9	Nundydroog	58/9-59/9
9/0	Ooregum	8/10½-9/4½ + 0/1½
25/3	St.J.Del Rey	25/0-26/0
10/6	San Fr'isco	10/0-10/6
1/9	Tigon Ming	1/3-2/3
8/9	Trepca (2/6)	8/9-9/3
30/3	Waihi Gold	30/6-31/6

* Ex Dividend. † Ex Rights. ‡ Ex bonus.

THE MONEY MARKET

BANK BUYING GOLD

Although there was only £75,000 of gold available in the market yesterday the demand was less keen. The premium on the dollar at 4.94½ fell from 3½d. to 1½d., and the premium over the franc at 74 13/16 was only 3½d., as compared with 5d. on Wednesday. The price was fixed 1d. lower at 140s. 8½d. per ounce fine.

The Bank of England announce the purchase of £55,500 in bar gold.

In the absence of business and on speculative buying, silver rallied ⅛d. further to 24 3/16d. per ounce for spot, and 24 3/16d. for

Short loans were in fair demand at ½ p.c., and bill rates kept firm. Generally maturities were quoted at ⅝ p.c., and fine three months' bills at 9/16 p.c. The "hot" Treasuries were offered at 11/16 p.c.

Bank Rate Discount (changed June 30, 1932), 2%

60 days (fine)	½	⅝ %			
3 months	½	⅝ %	Trade	2	2½ %
4 "	9/16	11/16 %	"	2¼	2½ %
6 "	9/16	11/16 %	"	2½	3 %

Loans to Brokers Day-to-day ½ ¾ %
for a week ½ %
Deposit Allowance; Banks at Call ½ %
" " Discount Houses at Call ½ %
" " " at Notice ¾ %

With the approach of the Christmas holiday, the London Foreign Exchange Market has entered upon an extremely quiet period. Yesterday dealers reported a very small turnover, while, in the absence of any lead, movements of rates were irregular. The total range of the dollar was no more than ⅜c., while the movements of the French franc were limited to a total of 3/16. Early in the day the market was rather inclined to follow the overnight lead of New York, and the principal rates became a little more favourable to London. Sterling did not, however, maintain its initial improvement there. Throughout New York came in as a small buyer of dollars during the afternoon, and the consequent reaction left all the principal exchanges hardly altered on the day, with the exception of the dollar itself, which was able to show a moderate improvement in relation to the pound.

Centre	Dec. 20 Closing Rates		Dec. 19 Closing Rates		Parity before 20/9/'31
New York	4.93⅞	4.94⅛	4.94¼	4.94½	4.86⅔
Montreal	4.89	4.89¼	4.89¼	4.89¾	4.66⅔
Amsterdam	7.30	7.31	7.30	7.31	12.10
Berlin	12.28	12.31	12.28	12.30	20.43
Brussels	21.10	21.12	21.09	21.11	35.00
Copenhagen	22.38	22.42	22.38	22.42	18.15
Geneva	15.23	15.25	15.23	15.25	25.22
Madrid	36 1/16	36 3/16	36 3/32	36 5/32	25.22
Milan	57 11/16	57¾	57 11/16	57¾	92.46
Oslo	19.88	19.93	19.88	19.93	18.15
Paris	74 13/16	74⅞	74 13/16	74⅞	124.21
Stockholm	19.37	19.42	19.37	19.42	18.15
Alexandria	97⅜	97⅝	97⅜	97⅝	97.5
Athens	517	sellers	520	sellers	375
Helsingfors	226	227	226	227	193.2
Lisbon	109¾	110½	109¾	110½	110
Prague	118	118¼	117⅞	118¼	164.25
Vienna	25¾	27¾	25¾	27¾	34.58
Warsaw	26	26¼	26 1/16	26 5/16	43.38
B. Ayres	27½	27⅝	27⅛	27½	47.577
Lima 90 dys	21.05 nom		21.05 nom		17.38
Mexico*	17.50	18.50	17.50	18.50	9.76
M'video*	19¾	20¼	20	20½	51 1/16
Rio de Jan.	3 7/32	3 9/32	3 7/32	3 9/32	5.89
Valparaiso	nom		nom		408
Calcutta	18 1/32	18 3/32	18 1/32	18 3/32	18
Hongkong	20¼	20⅞	20¼	20⅛	—
Kobe (p.yn)	14	14 1/32	14	14 1/32	24d.
Shanghai*	16¼	16⅝	16¼	16⅝	—
Singapore*	28 1/16	28¼	28 1/16	28¼	2

* Rate quoted in London.

PRICES OF RECENT ISSUES

Australian 3¼ p.c., '64-'74	¼-½ prem.
Birmingham	1-½ prem.
East Rand	2/9-3/3 prem.
General Aircraft (f.p.)	3/10½-4/1½
Gold Exploration (10/- shares, f.p.)	8/6-8/9
Kalgoorlie (5/- paid)	3/3-3/9
Lanark	3-¼ prem.
Rhokana Corporation 5½ p.c. Pref.	par-3d. prem.
Stoke 3¼ p.c.	4-¼ prem.
Vlakfontein	1 11/16-1 13/16
York 3 p.c., '55-'65	1¼-1¾ prem.

MINING REPORT

Lake View and Star.—Cabled advice has been received from the general manager that the South drive on the cross lode at the 800 feet level in the Associated section has opened up 220 feet of ore, averaging 34/- per ton over the full width of the drive. Walls not exposed. At the same level a diamond drill-hole has been put out in a Westerly direction at a point 30 feet North of the Blue Gap boundary, which disclosed the following values of feet to 11 feet, average £8 10/-; 11 feet to 37 feet, average 6/-; 37 feet to 60 feet, average £1 14/-.

AUSTRALIAN WOOL SALES

All the best features of recent wool auctions were again in evidence at the closing sale yesterday of the third series at Sydney this season. The trend of prices was in growers' favour for all well-grown and good-conditioned lines. Bradford, Japanese and French buyers were the chief supporters of the market, though there was some bidding by Germany and occasional help from America for super wools. The catalogue of 11,747 bales made a good selection, and 11,000 were sold. Private transactions accounted for 1,539 bales. The fourth series of wool sales will begin on January 7.

Fairey Aviation

As had been feared from the recent decline in Fairey Aviation Shares, the dividend for the year to September 30 last has been reduced; in fact, it has been halved, for the 5 per cent. now announced compares with 10 per cent. for the three preceding years. The shares are of 10s. each, the issued amount being £500,000. Earlier in the year they were quoted at 35s. 9d., but at one time yesterday they were only 18s. 9d. The market considers that the unfavourable impression created by this drastic cut in the distribution may be mitigated by the figures of the report. In the previous year the profit showed a reduction of nearly £22,000 compared with the peak year of 1932, the shrinkage having been attributed to a smaller business with the Air Ministry. In February last the company made an issue at par of £250,000 of 5 per cent. Redeemable Notes for general purposes and for future developments.

DUBLIN BUSINESS DONE

FUNDS FIRM. BANKS QUIET. GUINNESS EASY. GAS BETTER. INDUSTRIALS IDLE.

In Funds, 5 per cent. Second Loan repeated 113½, and 4½ per cent. Third Loan 108⅞. 4½ per cent. Land Bonds eased ¼ at 111⅝, and do. (small lots under £200) 3/16 at 111⅝. 3½ per cent. War Loan put on ⅛ at 107⅞, after 107½; 3½ per cent. Conversion ⅛ at 109⅞, 2¾ per cent. Land Stock (1921) ½ at 93, 2¾ per cent. Land Stock (1903) 15/16 at 91 15/16, and Dublin Corporation 4½ per cent. Red. lost ⅛ at 105⅞.

Bank of Ireland eased ½ at 285, Nationals 6d. at 45s. 3d., and Royals repeated 12½.

Guinness shed 9d. at 132s., and the Pref put on 3/16 at 15½.

Power Debs. unchanged at 17s.

In Rails, Great Northern rose 1 at 34½, Great Southern Debs. ½ at 67½, and the Guaranteed repeated 48. Canadian Northern 4½ per cent. Ter. Debs. put on ⅜ at 101⅞.

Dublin Trams Ord. unchanged at 113s.

Alliance Gas was 3/16 better at 13 11/16.

Ranks (Ireland) Pref. repeated 22s. 3d.

Among Industrials, Associated Chocolates Debs. repeated 10¼, and Helys Ord. 42s. 9d. Fry-Cadbury Pref. shed 4½d. at 22s. 7½d., "Bats" 9d. at 124s. 3d., and Courtaulds 7½d. at 46s.

"Other business done" will be found at foot of annexed table.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

5% Second Loan *113 *13½ (113½)	G.S. Guar. ...48 (48)
4½% Third Loan *108⅞ (108⅞)	Do. Deb. ...*67½ (67)
4½% Land Bonds 111⅝ ⅜ (111⅞)	Can. Northern 4½% Ter. Deb. ...101⅞ (101)
Do. (small lots under £200) 111⅝ ⅝ (111 11/16)	Dublin Trams Ord. 113/- (113/-)
3½% War Loan 107½ ⅞ (107½)	Alliance Gas..13 11/16 (13½)
3½% Conver. 109⅞ (109¾)	Ranks (Ireland) Pref. 22/3 (22/3)
2¾% Land Stk. (1921) *93 (92½)	Burke Ord. 12/6b (12/6)
2¾% Land Stk. (1903) 91 15/16 (90¾)	Assd. Chocolate Deb. *10¼ (10¼)
Dublin 4½% Red. 105⅞ (105¾)	Dub. Brick..14/6a (14/6)
Bank Stk..285 5 (285½)	Fry-Cadbury Pref. 22/7½ (23/-)
National ...45/3 (45/9)	Hely's Ord...42/9 (42/9)
Royal 12½ (12½)	B.A.T. ...*124/3 (125/-)
Guinness...132/- 2/-c (132/9)	Chemicals...36/3b 36/6a (36/4½)
Do. Pref.....15½ (15 5/16)	Imperial Tobacco 138/6b 139/-a (139/-)
Power Deb...17/- (17/-)	Unilever 22/4½b 22/10½a (22/9)
G.N. Ord. 6b (6)	Courtaulds..46/- (46/7½)
Do. Guar....34½ (33½)	

Other Business Done.

British Celanese 7½% 2nd Pref. 14/7½	Mersey D. & H. Board 3½% Deb 1935-65 ......98⅛
Carroll (P. J.) Ord. 31/3 *4½	Sunbeam Wolsey 6% Pref. (iss. at 20/-, 7/6 paid) ...7/9 /10½
Gabait Gold 6/4½	Taylor, Walker 46/-
Irish Cinemas Ord. (iss. at 6/-, f.p.) 6/-	War Loan 3½% Stk., 1952 (Bk. of Eng. Reg.) (trans. by Deed) 107¼
Do. 6% Pref (iss. at 20/-, fully paid) 19/- 19/- 19/	
Irish Shell 4½% Pf.*21/3	
Irish Sugar 6% Pref. (iss at 21/-, 11/- paid) 11/- 11/-	

* Odd lot, a asked, b bid, c cash.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Irish Banks' Rate (June 30, 1932)	3 %
Loans on Government Stocks transferred	2½ %
Deposits under £2,000	1 %
Deposits of £2,000 and over	1½ %

The rates in the foregoing table are subject to variation.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Contango	Jan. 7	Jan. 21
Ticket	Jan. 8	Jan. 22
Intermediate	Jan. 9	Jan. 23
Account Day	Jan. 10	Jan. 24

BELFAST

Business done:—3½ p.c. War Loan, 107⅛, ⅜, 3/16, 11/16; 2¾ p.c. Guaranteed Land Stock, 96½; Belfast Harbour Commissioners 3½ p.c. (1953), 101½; Courtaulds Ord., 46s. 4½d.; Robertson, Ledlie and Ferguson, 18s. 6d.; do. 6 p.c. Pref., 24s. 9d.; Imperial Chemical Ord., 36s 6d.; Sawers Ord., 22s. 6d.; Boots Drug Ord., 45s. 10½d.; International Nickel, 23; Levers 7 p.c. Pref., 31s. 3¾d.; do. 8 p.c. Pref., 32s. 6¾d.; Swedish Match "B," 12s. 4½d.; Lyndhurst Deep, 2s 8¾d.; Ford Motors, 36s. 1½d.

CORK

Second National Loan easier, 113; Land Bonds 111⅝; War Loan steady, 107¼; Bank Stock lower, 285; Munster and Leinsters buyers 90s., sellers 91s.; Nationals done at 45s. 3d.; Great Southern dealt in at 14½; Great Southern Guar. unaltered, 48; Great Southern Deb. hardened to 67½; Cork Gas done at 7½; Guinness Ord. weaker, 132s.; Irish Cinemas Pref. repeated 19s.; Irish Sugar Pref. done at 11s.; Ranks (Ireland) Ord. sellers 15s.; Sunbeam Wolsey Pref. 7s. 9d. The Stock Exchange will be closed on 25th and 26th.

MOTORS AND TEXTILES

BIRMINGHAM

Business brisker. Austins strong, 44/6; Raleighs 36/1½, Fords 36/1½, and Alvis 12/6, all supported; Rovers harder, 12/6; Triumphs 9/- and Napiers 9/3, each harder; Standards maintained, 62/3.

Austin Prefd.	30/6	Rileys	66/3
Bluemels	36/9	Rolls	108/6
Dennis	24/6	S.T.D. Pref.	3/6
Enfields	29/-	Singers	15/1½
Humbers	18/9	Dunlops	48/4½
Leylands	40/-	Guys	1/6
Lucas	62/6		

MANCHESTER

Textiles in moderate request only and little change in prices.

Bleachers	6/-6/6	Velvets	6/-6/6
Calicos	9/-9/3	Courtaulds	45/6-46/-
Dyers	9/-9/6	Dunlops	48/3-48/9
Cottons	43/6-44/6	Turner & Newall	51/-51/3
Spinners	7/3-7/9	Wall Paper Def.	57/-58/-
Coats	66/-66/3	A. & S. Henry	11/-11/3
"Slubbers"	4/9-5/-		

A Berlin telegram says that Dr. Ernst Trendelenburg, formerly State Secretary in the Ministry of Economics, has been called by Dr. Schacht to the Reich Chamber of Economics as deputy leader.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS

Christmas Box for Rand Miners

The first result of the miners' unions official acceptance of the offer by the Chamber of Mines of a holiday bonus will be a payment on Christmas Eve of £7 10s. to practically every Rand miner. The bonus terms, it will be remembered, were £2 10s. for every week's leave, to be retrospective for the present year.

United Discount and Securities

The United Discount and Securities Company, which was registered as a public company on October 19, 1889, to carry on the business of banking in all its branches, has made a declaration of solvency that the company will be able to pay its debts in full within twelve months of commencement of winding up. The authorised capital is £360,000, and to December 22, 1933, £77,000 Preference stock and £152,600 Ordinary stock had been issued and fully paid up. The directors are Sir Miles W. Mattinson, K.C.; Sir John Reeves Ellerman, Baronet, and Frederick G. Burt.

Position of Citroen Company

A request for voluntary liquidation has been made by the well-known Citroen Motor Works, according to the Paris newspaper *Petit Journal* of yesterday morning. The question will be decided by the end of the week. It is understood that one of the commercial creditors of the Citroen Company had applied for the initiation of proceedings for the liquidation of the company. Negotiations for its reconstruction have been proceeding for some time past, but, so far, have produced no definite result. Under French procedure it will be possible for the enterprise to carry on work, even if the application of its creditor for liquidation is granted.

Burma Corporation to Return Capital

The Burma Corporation Board is considering a part return of capital from the accumulated liquid resources. This was hinted by the vice-chairman (Mr. P. E. Marmion) at the meeting at Rangoon. He referred to the negative results of exploration of outside areas in Burma, and said that it was not likely that any large sums would now be required for development. The corporation's power to earn satisfactory profits from existing resources was also emphasised. The corporation has a net surplus of funds over the issued capital and creditors of £1,085,186. Authorised capital is £15,000,000. The issued capital is £10,156,267, against which there are fixed assets totalling £9,126,916, metals on hand £201,228, investments £690,263, cash £466,070, and debtors £326,430.

Twelve Per Cent. Gain in New York Store Sales

Department store sales in the New York Metropolitan area during the first half of December increased by 12.7 per cent. over the figure for the corresponding period of last year. This gain is the largest recorded for several years.

R.F.C. Loan to the Erie Railroad

The Inter-State Commerce Commission has approved a three-year loan of 3,179,000 dollars by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the Erie Railroad Company. The loan is to be utilised for the purpose of meeting taxes and other payments.

Refined Lead Figures for November

Figures issued by the American Bureau of Metal Statistics show that stocks of refined lead at the end of November totalled 232,500 tons, compared with 229,800 tons at the end of October. Production during the month totalled 34,400 tons, against 35,600, while shipments amounted to 31,800, compared with 35,900 tons during October.

East Rand Prop. New Shares

Holders of East Rand Proprietary 10s. shares are now formally invited to subscribe 1,200,000 new shares (one in every five old) at the bonus price of 45s. The list will remain open until 12th January. The new shares were dealt in for the first time at 3s. 6d. premium. Central Mining and General Mining Corporations have underwritten the issue for a cash commission of 2½ per cent. The East Rand Proprietary has no connection whatever with the East Rand Consolidated. The two properties are many miles apart.

Swedish Pulp Co. Changes Hands

A strong Swedish group, headed by M. A. Wenner-Gren, chairman of the Elektrolux concern, has acquired from the Svenska Handelsbanken the entire capital stock of the Swedish Pulp Company, the largest pulp concern in Europe. The Swedish Pulp Company, with capital stock totalling Kr.30,000,000, controls 20 companies with total capital stock of around Kr.120,000,000. No changes in the organisation for sales distribution are intended. The deal is considered to be advantageous to the Svenska Handelsbanken, whose shares are in strong demand.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN

By far the most important change shown in this week's Bank of England return is the expansion of £8,769,415 in the active note circulation. This brings the total note circulation to the record high level of £401,990,743, which is more than £12,000,000 higher than at the corresponding date in 1933. As a result the Bank's reserve of notes and coin has fallen by no less than £8,733,703 to £50,781,904, or some £11,000,000 lower than a year ago.

In the banking department public deposits are £463,352 higher at £8,389,542, but bankers' balances show a heavy decline as the result of the expansion in the note circulation. Compared with a week ago bankers' balances show a decline of £12,569,774, but over the year the fall amounts to only £1,169,679.

As regards the credit base, Government securities at the Bank show a rise of £2,784,721, probably a reflection of renewed borrowing by the Treasury during last week. Other security items are lower, however.

Despite the net decline in deposits, the drop in the reserve has caused the proportion of that item to liabilities to decline to 37.3 per cent., compared with 40.1 per cent. a week ago and 41.6 per cent. at this time last year.

Week ending Wednesday, 19th December, 1934.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Notes Issued—In Circulation	£401,990,743	Govt. Debt	£11,015,000
In Banking Dept.	50,225,875	Other Govt. Securities	245,553,675
		Other Securities	880,216
		Silver Coin	2,551,009
		Amount of Fiduciary Issue	260,000,000
		Gold Coin and Bullion	192,216,618
Total	£452,216,618	Total	£452,216,618

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

Proprietors' Capital	£14,553,000	Government Securities	£83,841,413
Rest	3,578,328	Other Securities—Discounts and Advances	7,024,263
Public deposits	8,389,542	Securities	12,406,594
Other deposits—Bankers	90,732,832	Notes	50,225,875
Other Accts	37,000,447	Gold & Silver Coin	556,029
7-day & other Bills			
Total	£154,054,174	Total	£154,054,174

The following shows the position of the Bank of England now and at same date in the previous two years:—

	1934	1933	1932
	£	£	£
Circulation (excluding 7 day and other Bills)	401,990,743	339,883,916	370,097,754
Public Deposits	8,389,542	20,035,634	7,825,512
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CASE OF MR. INSULL

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

CHICAGO, Thursday.

The case against Mr. Martin Insull is expected to go to the jury to-night. The prosecution concluded the case with a vehement accusation of embezzlement.

CRICKET.

WEST INDIES TEAM

Strong Side Selected for the First Test Match

PORT OF SPAIN (TRINIDAD), Thursday.

Although the English team has not yet arrived in the West Indies, the latter have selected their team for the first Test match, which will be played at Barbados on January 7, 8, 9 and 10. G. C. Grant, the old Cambridge Blue, has again been chosen to captain the team, which will be:—

G. C. Grant (Trinidad).
R. S. Grant (Trinidad).
G. Headley (Jamaica).
C. A. Roach (Trinidad).
E. A. Martindale (Barbados).
E. E. Achong (Trinidad).
O. C. Da Costa (Jamaica).
C. M. Christiani (British Guiana).
J. L. Parris (Barbados).
C. D. Spooner (Barbados).
J. E. D. Sealey (Barbados).
Reserves—L. G. Hylton (Jamaica) and C. Jones (British Guiana).

L. N. Constantine, the famous all-rounder, is now in India, and, therefore, unable to play in this Test. He will, however, be available for the remaining three Tests.

I. Barrow and C. V. Wight, both of whom have played in England, were invited to play, but declined. The team includes six of the team that toured England last year. They are the brothers Grant, Headley, Da Costa, Christiani and Achong.

The West Indies have selected a well-balanced team. They are strong in batting with Headley, Sealey, Roach, the brothers Grant, Christiani, Parris and Da Costa, and their bowling is in good hands, with Martindale, Spooner, Achong, Da Costa and Parris to call upon.

George Grant has had considerable experience as a captain, having led the West Indies on a tour of Australia in 1930-31, and of England last year. Rolfe Grant is the captain's younger brother, and also gained a Blue at Cambridge.

THE "BLACK BRADMAN"

Headley is known the world over as the "Black Bradman," and may cause the Englishmen as much trouble as the Australian did last year.

Roach is a polished batsman, who scored a century in his first representative match. During the last tour of England he scored a century before lunch against Surrey at the Oval, and played two fighting Test innings at Old Trafford and the Oval in scoring 64 and 56 respectively.

Sealey is an all-rounder, who came into prominence by scoring a century in his first international match. A batsman with a sound defence and powerful scoring strokes, he bowls a fast medium ball with a good off-turn.

Da Costa and Parris are also all-rounders. Da Costa is a reliable batsman, and bowls medium pace, and Parris is a free-scoring bat and a slow bowler.

Achong is a slow left-arm bowler, who makes the ball break a great deal. Has an easy action, and never tires, but is inclined to bowl a bit short.

Martindale and Spooner are the "shock" men of the side. Spooner is a tall, attacking bowler, who gets a good nip off the pitch. Martindale is well known in England. He and Constantine are the only two West Indians who have taken 100 wickets in first-class matches on a tour.

COURSING

THE CHRISTMAS MEETINGS

HEAVY LIST OF FIXTURES FOR ST. STEPHEN'S DAY

By Our Coursing Correspondent.

THE popularity of coursing in Ireland is fully reflected in the fixture list for St. Stephen's Day. It comprises eighteen meetings, scattered all over the country—from East Donegal to North Kerry, from Dublin to Roscommon. Every day, Sundays excepted, from the middle of October to the end of February, the sport goes on; but the really popular fixture is the Christmas meeting.

In the list for St. Stephen's Day the most important of the meetings, by reason of the value of the stakes, are the Loch Garman Cup (Wexford), North Kilkenny (Ballyragget), Kingdom Cup (Tralee), and Cork (Ballincollig). At each venue the card will contain an all-aged stakes for thirty-two.

In point of seniority the Kingdom Cup is one of the outstanding events of the season, and the pending meeting bids fair to excel most of those held at Ballybeggan Park in recent years. The card here is a heavy one, as in addition to the cup there are dog and bitch Trial stakes for thirty-twos, and the Ballybeggan and Tralee Stakes, also for thirty-twos. A three-day meeting, beginning on December 26th, the first day's programme will consist of the Trial and "Duffer" Stakes, with the cup coming on on the last two days.

Five sixteens and a thirty-two make up the card for the Cork meeting on 26th and 27th, two being Trials. The Ballincollig Stakes (and Club Cup, to be won out) are for all-ages, while the Game Protection Cup is for thirty-two all ages. Such a card should make for an excellent meeting.

The Loch Garman Cup at the Wexford and District meeting on 26th and 27th is for thirty-two all-ages, and, like the Kingdom Cup, is for permanent nominators. The two Trial Stakes are also for thirty-twos, and with four sixteens in the other four stakes the success of the meeting at the Killaine Castle grounds is fully assured.

Coursing at the Ballyconra Demesne grounds, outside Ballyragget, is always of the highest standard. Captain Bramwell, M.F.H., has presented the cup for the Hunt Cup Stakes, for thirty-two all-ages. The trophy is to be won out, and the addition of £60 for the winner makes the stake one of the most valuable competed for at these popular Kilkenny meetings. Each of the Trials is for thirty-two, and there are added two sixteens for two-course all-ages.

Dublin coursers will be catered for by the St. Margaret's Club at Ballymun, and those who prefer the open country to the parks will find plenty of good sport at the Boyne Valley meeting at Navan.

COURSING.—See Special Series of Articles on Famous Greyhounds of the Past now appearing in "THE IRISH FIELD." To-morrow's issue—No. 4—Bed of Stone. Also interesting notes written by a well-known authority, and reports of all meetings.—(Advt.)

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

WEEK-END FREE STATE LEAGUE FIXTURES

TO-MORROW.

Bohemians v. St. James's Gate. Dalymount Park

SUNDAY.

Dundalk v. Bray Unknowns. Dundalk.
Dolphin v. Drumcondra. Dolphin Park.
Cork v. Waterford. Cork.
Shamrock Rovers v. Sligo Rovers. Milltown.

IRISH CUP DRAW

The draw for the first round of the Irish Cup was made last night as follows:—

Broadway United or Dunmurry v. Distillery.
Celtic 2nd v. Linfield.
Glenavon v. Newry Town.
Glentoran v Ards.
Larne v. Coleraine.
Portadown v. Bangor.
Cliftonville v. Ballymena United.
Belfast Celtic v. Derry City.

Broadway United or Dunmurry and Celtic 2nd compete in the Cup by reason of being finalists for the Irish Intermediate Cup.

The matches are to be played on January 12th on the ground of the first-named club.

MARTIN TO PLAY FOR NEW CLUB TO-MORROW

"Boy" Martin, the Irish international centre forward, recently secured by Wolverhampton Wanderers at a big fee from Belfast Celtic, will make his first appearance for his new club against Manchester City at Wolverhampton to-morrow. Hartill, who has not missed a game this season as leader of the attack, will move to inside right.

Beattie, who previously played at inside right for Wolverhampton Wanderers, has been transferred to Blackburn Rovers, for whom it is expected he will play against Aston Villa at Birmingham.

Blackburn Rovers have also signed Norman Christie, the Huddersfield Town reserve centre-half, and he, too, is expected to assist his new club against the Villa.

GREAT SOUTHERN RYS.

LIMERICK RACES,
December 26th.
SPECIAL EXCURSION TICKETS BY MORNING TRAINS.
RETURN FARES:
Third Class. 12/6
First Class. 20/-

Dublin and Kildare Tickets will be available for return on day of issue or following day, and by Mail Train.

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Until further notice, holders of Race Day Trip Tickets can travel free by tram between O'Connell Bridge and Kingsbridge on production of Rail Tickets, to be purchased only at Railway Information Bureau, 33 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin.

For full particulars apply to P. J. FLOYD, Traffic Manager, Kingsbridge, Dublin.

W. H. MORTON, General Manager.

KENNEL

THE IRISH CAIRN TERRIER CLUB

PRESIDENT'S GIFT OF A CHALLENGE CUP

The annual general meeting was held on 17th inst., at Shanavaun, Dundrum. After the routine business of the meeting, including the election of officers for the new year, had been concluded, the hon. secretary and treasurer said that he was pleased to say that the club had had a successful year, both as regards its financial state and the fact that the members' dogs had been very successful at practically all the shows held in Ireland, and also at championship shows in London and Wales.

The club had to acknowledge the gift of a very handsome challenge cup from the President (Mrs. John Howard Parnell), as well as a set of six silver teaspoons (native African work) from the same donor. It was decided to guarantee two classes at the I.K.C. Show, and to offer the cups and specials.

Dogs bred by members had been exported to New York and Russia during the year.

The hon. secretary of the Cairn Club (Scotland) has informed the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Irish Cairn Terrier Club (Lieutenant - Colonel W. Adye - Curran, C.B.E.) that, as the result of the ballot for judges, he has been elected to the panel of judges for 1935.

Members have found it very difficult to satisfy the great demand for Cairn puppies during the year, and, if expectations are realised, some outstanding specimens should make their appearance on March 18th next.

HUNTING

ISLAND HOUNDS

We started last week with a very busy day from Ferns Station, on Monday, 10th. Hounds found at once in Ballinakill, but he was a very twisting fox and took us first to "The Brow," then along to the quarry and back by the River Bann to Ballinakill, where hounds marked him to ground in a rabbit burrow. While they were marking, he bolted, and took us back to the Brow, and on through Cologne and Kilcasey, and back to Ballinakill, from where he was again forced away and was lost at Kilcasey. We next found in Roche's gorse, and ran through Millshogue to Ballinakill, then back right-handed through Millshogue to Knockrobin to ground. Our next find was in Swaine's gorse at Medop Hall, and with better scent, hounds ran fast through Knockrobin to Ballymore, then back right-handed through Swaine's, on towards Ballyeden, and right-handed to Ballymore, but lost their fox going towards Knockrobin.

There was a bigger field than usual at Ballinkeele on Wednesday, 12th, the followers of the Killinick Harriers coming out in force. After all had been most hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Maher, who had just only returned from their honeymoon, we first tried the demesne and were not altogether surprised to draw it blank, as there had been a tremendous amount of rain and the land was waterlogged. However, we found in the Mullock, and ran first towards Wilmount, then left-handed to Ballylucas and back to the Mullock, through it, and on through Kilmallock towards Ballinkeele, but lost our fox on a road just outside Ballinkeele, after a hard hunt over a difficult country. A Ballinastraw fox was hunted through Clonmore, Ballybeg and Borelia, and was eventually lost in Kilcotty. This was a hard day on horses, as the country was very heavy.

Meeting on Friday at Gorey we found in Gorey Park and ran to the gorse, then through The Mullawn to Tinnashinna, where our pilot bore right-handed, and came back to Gorey Park. He would probably have gone on, but was badly headed, and eventually marked to ground in the Park. We then found in Ballinastraw, but soon marked to ground near at hand. By this time it was raining so hard that nothing more was attempted

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS

THE WARD UNION.

December.	Meet.	Hour.
Saturday, 22nd	Priestown Cross-roads	1.30

THE KILDARE.

Saturday, 22nd	Courtown Gate	11. 0

THE MEATH.

To-day	Rahinstown	11. 0

CO. GALWAY HOUNDS ("THE BLAZERS")—December:—Monday, 31st, Athenry. January:—Wednesday, 2nd, Carrowkeel Cross; Thursday, 3rd, Oranmore; Monday, 7th, Ballyglunin Park; Wednesday, 9th, St. Cleran's; Thursday, 10th, Cummer; Monday, 14th, Monivea Castle; Wednesday, 16th, Loughrea; Thursday, 17th, The Kennels; Monday, 21st, Moorpark Cross-roads; Wednesday, 23rd, Kilmeen Cross; Thursday, 24th, Tuam; Monday, 28th, Belleville Cross; Wednesday, 30th, Dunsandle; Thursday, 31st, Tullira Castle. At 11 o'clock.

CARLOW HOUNDS.—December—Wednesday, 26th, Courthouse, Carlow (cap for Earl Haig's Fund). Saturday 29th—Shangarry School. January—Tuesday, 1st, Bagenalstown (11.30). Saturday, 5th, Rathmore Park. At 11 o'clock.

BRAY HARRIERS. — December — Wednesday, 26th, Calary. 1.30

HUNTING.—Reports from all the principal Packs. Lists of Appointments, Point-to-Point Fixtures and Hunt Balls appear in "THE IRISH FIELD." On Sale every Saturday. Price 2d. Subscription Terms.—6 months, 6/6 (post free). Head Office: 11 D'Olier street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

GREYHOUND RACING

MICK THE MILLER

Mick the Miller, the famous racing greyhound, who this week appeared before the King and Queen at a London theatre charitable entertainment, is to be taken to Canada and the United States, and he will be shown in many towns in both countries.

Mick the Miller, who was bred in Ireland, had a remarkable racing career in England. He won 36 of his 48 races, and 10 of his 13 matches, during 1929, '30 and '31, and won £8,685 10/- in prize money. As a sire he has proved a success, and his stud fee is 50 guineas.

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HOCKEY

THE LEAGUE REVIEWED

How the Clubs have fared in the First Round

By Our Hockey Correspondent.

THE Leinster Senior League, which has now reached the half-way stage—though Monkstown are the only team to have completed the first series of league matches—is bearing a distinct similarity to the previous campaign. Pembroke Wanderers are now at the top of the table, but only by virtue of having played a match more than Trinity, the champions. Neither has yet met with defeat, but each has lost a point to the other, and to Railway Union as well. The issue lies between these three, for all the other clubs have dropped too far behind to have any hope of offering a challenge.

As matters have gone so far, Pembroke Wanderers appear to have the strongest side, and undoubtedly have a fine chance of capturing their first league title. Apart from the Trinity and Railway matches, they have shown clear superiority over all the other teams they have met. In nine matches their defence has conceded only five goals—two to Railway Union, two to Monkstown, and one to Trinity; so that the six other teams have failed to score against them. As they have scored an average of over four goals a match themselves, it is clear that they have a much stronger attack than ever before, as well as their usual sound defence.

POWER'S SKILL

It has been a wise move to bring Power into the attack. He has made an enormous difference here; for not only is he a quick and accurate shot, but he opens out the game nicely for the rest of the line. R. P. Martin and Mooney form a lively right wing, and G. F. Martin has lately fitted well into the general scheme. If O'Kelly could restrain his tendency to get off-side, the attack would have no superior in the country. Rafter has proved a fine substitute for Power at centre-half, and the defence, even without such a good goalkeeper as J. McCarthy, is most difficult to get past.

Although possessing, like Pembroke Wanderers, an unbeaten record, Trinity have not been showing nearly such good form as last season. The departure of W. G. Lee has made a big difference to the attack. He had his faults, but as a forager and distributor of passes he was first-class. He helped to make J. M. Howe into our best outside-right, he made J. A. MacDonogh a most dangerous and prolific goal-scorer. T. B. Dagg and Sloan were just as efficient on the left, and the line was perfectly balanced. Now the left wing pair are overshadowing the right. No really competent successors have been found yet for Howe and Lee, and MacDonogh's play has suffered in consequence. R. D. Howe strikes me as likely to train on into a good outside right, but neither Millar nor O'Reilly has shown the dash necessary for an inside forward.

ROBERTS OVERLOOKED

The half-back line has maintained a high level of efficiency. Coulson has been consistently brilliant, and Brown is still waiting for the chance to prove that he is the best centre-half in the province. Roberts has done his work quietly and well on the left—so quietly, in fact, that the Leinster selectors may have completely overlooked the best man for the position. He was worthy of at least one trial.

There is an absolute glut of full-backs in Trinity at present. Last year's excellent pair, Donald and Delaney, are still in residence, and they have been joined by Craig, who has ousted Delaney from the left, and Thoday, the Welsh international. The latter has had to spend nearly all his time on the second team, and has only been given a showing in a couple of senior games, for the simple reason that Donald has been proving himself one of the best right full-backs in Dublin. It seems a great pity that any of these fine players should have to go into junior hockey at all, and a good deal of blame must attach to the club. To my mind they should have told Craig to spend another season with Avoca, and asked Thoday to join another club, as they had a ready-made and experienced pair of full-backs. As matters stand, two first-class players are losing a valuable season in junior hockey. In one respect Trinity are fortunate, as Cuffe has turned out to be a worthy successor to Morgan in goal.

RAILWAYS REVIVAL

After Railway Union had appeared to lose their grip last season, they have made one of their remarkable revivals. They have lost only one match this season, to Monkstown, and on that occasion they were without C. Sully, so they can claim to have been rather unlucky. Their drawn matches against Pembroke Wanderers and Trinity showed them in a very good light; but, on the other hand, they have been hard pressed by every other team, and all their victories have been gained by the narrowest margins. I think they will find the pace too hot for them after Christmas, particularly in the cup matches, but they may continue to offer a challenge in the league.

They can still offset lack of speed by clever team-work. C. Sully is still our most constructive inside-forward, but Byrne has been rather disappointing, and V. Sully is not often in the picture. The defensive skill of the half-backs is remarkable, and O'Donoghue, Doran and McClelland form a sturdy defence. The whole eleven still afford a shining example of the value of team-work in hockey.

THE SECOND GROUP

After these three comes, at some distance, another group of three—Monkstown, Three Rock Rovers and Corinthians. Monkstown have been defeated by both the other two; but, on the other hand, as well as beating Railway Union, they ran Pembroke Wanderers to a goal, and made Trinity work very hard for their victory. With a powerful defence and efficient half-backs, they are handicapped by a weak attack. A couple of first class forwards would make the side really strong.

Three Rock Rovers, on the other hand, have been rather too erratic in defence. Findlater has shown fine courage in goal, but needs experience, while Mahony and Huet are too prone to get out of position. The halves are good, but until J. E. Cairnes came over on leave at the beginning of the month, McVeagh and J. M. Howe were playing almost a lone hand in the forward line, and with not very much success. Unfortunately, Cairnes will not be available much longer, so the side will never be more than moderate.

CORINTHIANS' FAILING

Corinthians have been a most disappointing team. As Kingstown Grammar School, they showed promise of becoming a real force at the end of last season, but their old weakness, a lack of punch by the forwards in the circle, has cost them several games, and the defence has never risen to any great heights, though individually Watson at full-back and Gibson in goal have been excellent. Curnow, the former Dalkey player, has not made the advance anticipated at centre-half, and Duke is almost alone as the only consistently good forward.

The remaining five teams—Naas, Imperial Tobacco Co., Avoca School, Dalkey and Y.M.C.A.—can also be grouped together, for they are all about the same level, and quite a high level it is, too. In fact, the best feature of the competition so far has been the way the clubs have levelled up, the weaker ones generally putting up close fights against the stronger. Y.M.C.A., in their first senior season, have beaten Monkstown and drawn with Three Rock Rovers and Corinthians; Imperial Tobacco Co. have a victory over Rovers to their credit; Avoca, after a most disheartening start, have reached the half-way stage in a blaze of glory with three successive victories, one of them over Corinthians; while Dalkey, without a victory to their credit as yet, have taken a point off Monkstown, another one from Naas at Naas, and, best of all, only went down to Trinity by a single goal.

NAAS FALL AWAY

The only member of this group to show a definite falling-away has been Naas. Frequent changes at half-back have prevented the side from settling down, and they are no longer unbeatable on their own pitch. John Purcell and C. Tyndall are not quite the sound full-backs they were, and J. A. Purcell seems to have lost his form as a centre forward; but if the club will only persist with J. Brennan at centre-half and J. Darcy at right-half they may well stage a revival in the new year.

The feature of the play of the other four clubs has been their determined spirit and the way they set about their opponents from the start. Gone are the days when they used to be beaten by eight and nine goals; their tackling is far too determined for that. Pembroke Wanderers, and in a couple of cases Trinity, have put half a dozen goals against some of them, but generally they have held their own well with all the others. Dalkey, I think, deserve the most credit. They were faced with the prospect of building up an entire new team, but so well have their juniors come on, and so much dash do they put into their play, that in the majority of their losses the margin against them has only been one or two goals.

THE LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

SENIOR

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Pembroke Wanderers	9	7	0	2	38	5	16
Dublin University	8	6	0	2	31	5	14
Railway	9	6	0	2	19	13	14
T. R. Rovers	8	4	3	1	20	21	9
Monkstown	10	4	5	1	19	20	9
Corinthians	9	4	4	1	17	18	9
Avoca	9	3	5	1	10	27	7
Imperial Tobacco Co.	9	3	6	—	10	18	6
Y.M.C.A.	9	1	4	4	11	23	6
Naas	9	2	6	1	9	32	5
Dalkey	9	—	6	3	9	21	3

MIDDLE A

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Corinthians II.	9	8	—	1	25	16	17
Bray Rovers I.	10	7	2	1	19	10	15
T. R. Rovers II.	9	3	2	4	23	17	10
Dalkey II.	10	3	6	1	24	29	7
Pembroke Wdrs. III.	8	3	4	1	22	24	7
Dublin University III.	8	3	5	—	15	24	6
Monkstown II.	9	2	5	2	13	14	6
Naas II.	7	—	5	2	4	11	2

MIDDLE B

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Dublin University II.	9	9	—	—	56	7	18
Portrane I.	10	8	—	2	47	14	18
Grangegorman	10	4	2	4	27	18	12
Railway III.	10	4	4	2	25	21	10
St. James's Gate I.	8	4	2	2	23	9	10
Royal Coll. of Surgeons	11	3	8	—	19	53	6
Civil Service I.	10	1	9	—	14	44	2
Avoca II.	8	—	8	—	8	53	0

MIDDLE C

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Railway II.	11	10	—	1	52	10	21
Pembroke Wdrs. II.	9	7	1	1	30	7	15
Brookville	9	5	4	—	21	23	10
Clonliffe I.	9	4	4	1	22	17	9
Lido I.	8	2	3	3	18	21	7
T. R. Rovers III.	9	2	6	1	25	53	5
Civil Service II.	8	1	5	2	16	27	4
Y.M.C.A. II.	9	—	8	1	11	37	1

INTERMEDIATE A

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
St. Moibhis	10	8	1	1	47	13	17
Ierne I.	10	6	3	1	33	17	13
K.G.S.	8	5	2	1	33	22	11
Fairview C.Y.M.S.	7	5	2	—	20	13	10
Fingal I.	8	5	3	—	19	11	10
Imp. Tobacco Co. II.	8	3	5	—	15	35	6
Corinthians III.	7	2	5	—	15	16	4
Clonliffe II.	6	1	4	1	12	25	3

INTERMEDIATE B

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Leixlip	9	8	—	1	31	9	17
Coolock	10	8	1	1	35	17	17
Mountjoy School	9	5	2	2	37	16	12
North Kildare	8	3	3	2	16	21	8
Portrane II.	9	3	6	—	13	19	6
Dalkey III.	9	2	6	1	21	33	5
St. James's Gate II.	11	1	7	3	11	30	5
St. Kevin's I.	9	2	7	—	12	31	4

JUNIOR

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Ierne II.	11	10	—	1	46	8	21
Pembroke W. IV.	9	8	—	1	51	8	17
Railway IV.	11	8	2	1	30	12	17
Bray Rovers II.	9	5	3	1	42	20	11
Lido II.	10	4	4	2	29	19	10
Three Rock Rovers IV.	9	4	5	—	25	33	8
Fingal II.	8	3	4	1	20	29	7
Dublin University IV.	8	3	5	—	12	6	6
Dalkey IV.	8	2	5	1	16	43	5
Civil Service III.	5	1	4	—	10	18	2
Monkstown III.	9	1	8	—	8	50	2
St. Kevin's II.	10	1	9	—	17	60	2

TO-MORROW'S SENIOR MATCHES

The following senior club games will be played to-morrow:—

Dublin Univ. Past v. Present. Londonbridge road.
Monkstown v. Dalkey. Royal terrace.
Imperial Tobacco Co. v. Railway Union. Crumlin.

GOLF

ANOTHER PROFESSIONAL FOR DEAL

J. Lovelock, at present attached to the Royal Worlington and Newmarket Club at Mildenhall, Suffolk, is going to the Royal Cinque Ports Club at Deal as professional.

Harry Hunter, who has been professional at Deal since the club was opened over 42 years ago, will continue his duties in charge of the outdoor staff. Hunter, who is 76 years of age, is the father of W. I. Hunter, winner of the amateur championship in 1921.

CLUB RESULTS AND NOTICES

KILLINEY.

To-morrow—Hamper, nine holes, strokes. Three prizes in each class and two special prizes.

THE ISLAND.

Ladies.—The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, 10th January, at 11 o'clock, at the Island. In the afternoon there will be a nine-hole stroke competition only open to those members who have already attended the committee meeting. Prizes will be presented by the committee. Suggestions for the agenda and names for the committee will be received by Miss Franks, Roscrea, Malahide, before January 8th.

CLONTARF.

Crawford Cup 12 holes—"A. Driver" (13), 46½; J. Trimble (8), 48½. To-morrow—Turkey, 12 holes, strokes. December 26th—Committee prize, four-ball.

'Chasers for Training

Mr. C. D. Wilson's promising steeplechaser, Yellow Jack, who has won several point-to-point races, has joined Gosden's string at Lewes. Golden Urn has been sent to G. Langlands at Lewes to be trained for future engagements.

WORK AT THE CURRAGH

THE CURRAGH, Thursday.

This was a grand morning, and most of our jumpers were noticed in useful work.

BEHAN'S Ballyrobert, Grand Circle, Peace Conference, Olinda, Poor Jack and Rope Trick cantered five furlongs steadily. The yearlings cantered on Walsh's Hill.

BRABAZON'S Call Him (who is expected to fulfil his engagement in the Stand Hurdle at Leopardstown on St. Stephen's Day), Athabaska, and the yearlings took matters easily.

COLLINS' Templetown, Doonbeg, Battlestown, Colin Star, Upshot and the Conyngham Lodge yearlings had healthy walking and trotting exercise in the vicinity of the home quarters. Templetown will shortly be schooled over hurdles. He has been "added to the list" since he last ran in public.

J. DAWSON'S Jorto, Sherdoon, Charming Prince, Double On, Royal Band and Shady Lane were given easy five-furlong canters.

DOYLE'S Greek Jim, Thoughtful Act, Pretty Land, Greek Lass and the Rossmore Lodge yearlings exercised on the country roads.

FETHERSTONHAUGH'S Red Flame cantered six furlongs. Bachelor's Gold and Yellow Furze galloped a mile-and-a-half at a nice pace. The yearlings cantered a few furlongs.

PARKINSON'S Queen Gypsy, High Tenor, Kildonan's Hope, Rockford, Bachelor Philip, Rose Coes, Midnight Blue, Molino, Sallins, Cherry Pip, Silver Salt and Bagged Fox were given sharp five-furlong spins, and will probably be schooled in the morning.

SLOCOCK'S Jack's Luck, Tryon, Cat's Tail, Remembrance Day, Red Freeman and a couple of unnamed four-year-olds galloped about a mile at a useful pace, and had jumping practice over small fence.

Royal Caledonian Hunt

The Royal Caledonian Hunt will hold their meeting next year at Edinburgh on September 16 and 17. This year the meeting was held at Hamilton Park.

LAWN TENNIS

PERRY BEATEN AGAIN

FINE PERFORMANCE BY McGRATH

SYDNEY, Thursday.

F. J. Perry, acknowledged to be the world's number one player, has been defeated for the third time in three weeks. Playing in the International Triangular Tournament to-day between Australia, Great Britain and France, he went down to the young Australian Davis Cup player, V. B. McGrath, by 6-1, 6-8, 11-9. True, it was only a best of three sets match, but this continued downward slide of the Englishman is rather disconcerting. It tends to prove Perry's recent statement that he has had too much tennis lately. This is Perry's third defeat at the hands of McGrath in International matches in Australia, which shows that McGrath has the right temperament.

McGrath's other two victories were recorded during the series of Test matches between England and Australia last year.

Thus within the space of three weeks the three players who will carry the challenge from Australia in the Davis Cup next year have all conquered Perry, the mainstay of Great Britain's hopes of retaining the trophy.

McGrath's victory to-day gave Australia her second victory in the triangular tournament. In the first match J. H. Crawford defeated J. Brugnon (France) by 6-2, 6-1, while G. P. Hughes defeated another Frenchman, C. Boussus, by 6-3, 6-2 in the following match.

CHAMPION ERRATIC

Perry's play was erratic. He hit his shots with great power in attempting to score winners from difficult positions, and a great number of them were either sent out or hit into the net. He started off by taking the first game, but the next nine games went to McGrath. Perry found some difficulty in handling McGrath's excellent service, and he did not appear at all confident. McGrath led 6-5 in the second set, but in the next game Perry broke through service for the first time and levelled at 6 all. At this point Perry showed a fleeting glimpse of his old form, and with a stream of fine placements took the next two games for set.

The third set produced a great battle of tactics. Perry tried to force the pace, but McGrath repeatedly worried him with high bounding returns on the backhand, and succeeded in slowing down the game. Perry was down 1-3, but with another of his characteristic rallies he scored with well-placed forehand drives, and crept into the lead at 5-3. Perry remained in front, holding a game lead until 9-8. Thereafter McGrath staged a great effort, and returning to his former tactics of driving deep to Perry's backhand, which did not function at all well, he caused Perry to hit his returns into the net. Perry fought desperately to stave off defeat, and saved three match points before going down to McGrath's accurate placements.

In the doubles Crawford and McGrath defeated Boussus and Brugnon by 6-2, 6-1, 6-1. The position at the end of the first day's play was:—Australia, 3 wins; Great Britain, 1; France, nil.

CHAMPION TO DEFEND WIMBLEDON TITLE

Fred Perry, holder of the Wimbledon, American and Australian championships, intends to return to England in March, following his Australasian tour, and to defend his title at Wimbledon in June. That decision, disclosed in a letter just received by Perry's father, means that Perry will be available to represent Great Britain in the challenge round of the Davis Cup tournament next summer.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES

Lansdowne v. Bective Rangers. Lansdowne road
Old Wesley v. Clontarf. Donnybrook.
Blackrock College v. Monkstown. Williamstown.
Birkenhead Park v. Wanderers. Liverpool.

SUTTONIANS 2nd v. MONKSTOWN.

The match arranged for to-morrow has been cancelled at request of Monkstown.

RUGBY.—Comments on "The Rest" team: Oxford's Irish tour. Reports of all important matches. See to-morrow's issue of "THE IRISH FIELD."—(Advt.)

MR. WALWYN MUCH BETTER

Mr. F. T. Walwyn, the amateur rider, whose skull was fractured when his mount, Star Bound, fell at Derby on Tuesday, is reported to be much better. His condition is giving every satisfaction.

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Three Dublin and District riders—J. C. Millard, J. G. Burney and C. H. W. Manders—finished first, fourth and seventh, respectively, in the table of individual successes, giving their team 12 points—two better than Knock, whose leading riders were H. McKee, C. W. Duffin and T. Stewart. Had Manders won a second, instead of a first class award, in the "Bush" Cup trial—and he just obtained a "first" by one mark—Knock and Dublin would have been level. The placings of the teams finally are:—

FIRST DIVISION.

1—Dublin and District ... 1, 4, 7=12
2—Knock ... 3, 4, 7=14
3—Leinster ... 6, 11, 14=31
4—Lisburn ... 2, 10, 20=32
5—Ulster ... 7, 15, 16=38
6—Dublin University ... 13, 22, 27=62

SECOND DIVISION.

1—Dublin and District ... 1, 2, 3= 6
2—Knock ... 4, 5, 7=16
3—Dublin University ... 6, 11, 13=30
4—Leinster ... 15, 16, 17=48

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS

Hounslow Handicap Hurdle, Kempton—Blighted.
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Kempton Park engagements—Wild Wullie.
All engagements in Sir Malcolm McAlpine's name—Ard-Ri.

FARMER SENDS FOR GUN

From Our Correspondent.

CORK, Thursday.

At Riverstown District Court to-day, Patrick Buckley, White's Cross, was charged with the unlawful possession of a shotgun, and his father, John Buckley, was charged with procuring his son to commit an offence. The evidence for the prosecution was that Buckley (senior) objected to a coursing club hunting over his lands, and sent his son for the shotgun. Shortly afterwards a shot was heard, and an explanation was given that the gun went off while young Buckley was crossing a fence with it.

John Buckley said that when the crowd refused to leave his lands and he was threatened he sent his son for the gun. Patrick Buckley said that it went off accidentally.

A fine of £1 was imposed in each case.

BOXING

SCOTTISH CHAMPION KNOCKED OUT

Jim Winters, the Scottish heavy-weight champion, was knocked out in the second round of a twelve rounds bout at Edinburgh last night by Bill Brennan, of Jarrow. Winters was sent down for a count of nine before Brennan delivered the knock-out blow.

In a ten rounds contest Frank McCall (Aberdeen), the Scottish welter-weight champion, beat Billy Graham, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, on points.

French Entries for Cups

Le Gosse, 4 years; Foulaubin, 4 years; Assuerus, 5 years; Brantome, 4 years; Chasse Neige, 3 years; Bokbul, 3 years; Son in Love, 5 years; Maravedis, 4 years, and Ventillon, 4 years, were entered in Paris for the Ascot Gold Cup, and for the Coronation Cup at Epsom the following entries were made in Paris:—Le Gosse, 4 years; Silver Plate, 4 years; Assuerus, 5 years; Skiff II., 3 years, and Maravedis, 4 years.

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GARDEN, FARM, BEES, ETC.

INDOOR GARDENING.

Writing on this subject in the *Weekly Irish Times*, the Garden Correspondent says:—The difficulty of maintaining a dry atmosphere, so essential to plants in flower, was keenly felt in consequence of the prolonged rainfall and generally sunless weather of the past week or two, and strict attention to ventilation on all possible occasions, and heating when absolutely necessary were requisite in dispelling damp, and keeping up a floral display for some time past. Primulas, Chrysanthemums, Callas, Cyclamens, Cinerarias, etc., constitute the colour scheme in most greenhouses just now. Winter-flowering Carnations and Zonals are, in dry, airy positions, giving a welcome dash of colour. Keep Hyacinths, Narcissi, etc., as near the glass as possible to prevent the foliage being drawn. Bring forward bulbs starting into growth for succession.

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YESTERDAY IN THE LAW COURTS

CORK MAN'S £50,000 ESTATE

QUESTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE JOHNSTON.)

Clauses in the will of the late Thomas Henry Mahony, of Cork, who left an estate estimated to be worth about £50,000, came before the Court for construction. The plaintiffs were the executors, Charles Jermyn and others, and the defendants were Patricia Henrietta Fox, an infant, of 8 Marine Villas, Monkstown, Cork; Leonora Mahony, John V. Mahony and Edmund William Mahony, Adelaide place, St. Luke's, Cork. Among the questions the Court was asked to answer was whether Mrs. Gertrude Fox, a niece of the testator, and Patricia Henrietta Fox each take one-fifth of the residuary estate, or whether they take an absolute interest in the residuary estate, or whether, in certain eventualities, the whole of the residue would pass to Leonora, John and Edmund Mahony? There was also a question of what would happen a trust of £1,000 bequeathed to Patricia Fox in the event of her marrying without the consent of her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Fox, or dying without having married or leaving children, and also what would happen a sum of £8,000 in which Mrs. Fox had a life interest and Patricia Fox a reversionary interest.

Arguments had not concluded when the Court adjourned until to-day.

Mr. Hungerford (instructed by Messrs. Gregg, Jermyn and Sons) appeared for the executors; Mr. F. Price, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. D. D. MacDonald and Co.) for Patricia Fox; Mr. Brereton Barry (instructed by Mr. Barry Galvin) for the Munster and Leinster Bank; and Mr. Ashley Power (instructed by Messrs. Foley and Emerson) for Leonora, John and Edmund Mahony.

MAN'S EYE INJURED

APPEAL ALLOWED

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE SULLIVAN AND MR. JUSTICE HANNA.)

Edward Carroll, a labourer, of Newtoncreagh, Ballinasloe, appealed from a Circuit Court order refusing his application for arbitration under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

It appeared that Carroll was employed by the Roscommon County Council to break stones for road metalling, and on 14th July, 1932, he was struck by a splinter of a stone in the eye. He was employed "on task," and the Deputy Circuit Court Judge held that he did not come under the Act.

The Court now held that the appellant came under the Act, and sent the case back to the Circuit Court for the assessment of compensation.

Mr. Hannin (instructed by Mr. J. A. Russell) appeared for the appellant; and Mr. McLoughlin (instructed by Mr. D. J. Hanron) for the Roscommon County Council.

APPEAL IN COLLISION CASE

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE SULLIVAN AND MR. JUSTICE HANNA.)

The Court dismissed an appeal which was brought on behalf of Joseph Castles, a cattle dealer, of Connaught street, Athboy, from a judgment of the Circuit Court for £49 6s. 6d. damages in favour of John Joseph McCarthy, merchant, of Greenpark Villas, Limerick, in his action against Mr. Castles for damages for injuries received in a collision between his motor lorry and Mr. McCarthy's motor car between Croom and Adare in September, 1932.

Mr. Roe (instructed by Mr. D. J. Reilly) appeared for the appellant; and Mr. Callan (instructed by Messrs. Hoey and Denning) for the respondent.

CYCLIST STRUCK BY LORRY

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE O'BYRNE.)

A consent providing for the payment of £600 and costs was made a rule of Court in an action in which the plaintiff was Gerard Niall Murphy, of Sharavogue, Glenageary, and the defendants were Messrs. T. Dockrell and Co. The plaintiff claimed damages for personal injuries sustained by him on 2nd August last when motor cycling, and when he was struck by a lorry belonging to the defendants.

Mr. R. Hogan (instructed by Mr. R. W. Saunders) appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. G. B. Rudd (instructed by Messrs. Molloy, Fayle and Co.) for the defendants.

MR. JUSTICE MEREDITH IN DUBLIN

Mr. Justice Meredith, who was appointed Vice-President of the Saar Supreme Plebiscite Tribunal by the Council of the League of Nations last August, has returned to Dublin for the Christmas holiday. Yesterday he visited the Four Courts and met many of his friends.

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT

MOTOR CARS IN COLLISION

DRIVER CHARGED WITH DRUNKENNESS

(BEFORE MR. E. J. LITTLE.)

Doctor Robert P. Lewer, 70 South Circular road, Kilmainham, was charged with being drunk while driving a motor car at Stillorgan road on the previous night; driving his motor car without exercising reasonable consideration, whereby he collided with and damaged a motor car belonging to Wm. P. McNeary, 32 Belgrave road, Monkstown, and driving the motor car in a manner dangerous to the public.

Guard Wm. Doran said that about 9.30 the previous night he saw the two cars on the Stillorgan road. The defendant was sitting at the driving wheel of his car, and seemed to be in a dazed condition. When witness asked him what was wrong, he said: "It is all right; it is all my fault." He smelled strongly of drink. Witness asked him to walk a few yards, and he staggered. He told the defendant that, in his opinion, he was not in a fit condition to drive a motor car, and he replied: "I admit I had a few drinks."

Wm. McNeary, 32 Belgrave road, Monkstown, said that, as the defendant's car approached from the opposite direction, it zigzagged, and witness thought that the driver was trying to cut out from his wrong side on to his proper side of the road. The defendant's car struck his car, damaging it considerably. Witness purchased his car the previous Tuesday for £398.

The defendant was remanded until Monday on his own bail of £50.

Mr. E. H. Burns, solicitor, defended.

GUARANTEE TO BANK

CLAIM FOR £2,675

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE O'BYRNE.)

The Munster and Leinster Bank sought to recover £2,919 14s. 8d. from Mrs. Margaret McSwiney, widow, South Main street, Bandon, as executrix of her late husband, John McSwiney, corn merchant. The money was alleged to be due on foot of a guarantee signed by the late John McSwiney on 9th April, 1920, as well as by Daniel Crowley, John O'Brien and Catherine O'Sullivan, promising to pay to the bank any sum not to exceed £4,000 that might become due by one Daniel O'Brien.

Mr. W. O'B. Fitzgerald (instructed by Messrs. R. Neville and Co.), for the bank, asked that the sum claimed should be corrected to £2,675 9s. 5d., which was the amount calculated to 1st August. The summons had been issued at an earlier date. Daniel O'Brien, on whose behalf the guarantee was executed, died in 1928, and John McSwiney died on 11th October, 1928, leaving his widow, the present defendant, as his sole executrix. In her affidavit Mrs. McSwiney said that she had no knowledge of the signing of the guarantee by her late husband, and that, as she had paid out large sums by way of income tax, estate duty and legacies, her husband's estate was now exhausted. Counsel added that legacies amounting to about £2,500 apparently had been paid out, as well as debts due by the late John McSwiney, and he asked for judgment against the defendant in her capacity of executrix.

Mr. Felix Sherry (instructed by Mr. McCarthy O'Hea), for the defendant, drew attention to the amendment in the amount claimed, and stated that, in an affidavit, the manager of the Bandon branch of the Munster and Leinster Bank stated that the application for payment had been made to the defendant on 15th May, 1928, whereas her husband, the debtor, did not die until 11th October, 1928.

Mr. Fitzgerald said that there must have been a clerical error in the former date.

Mr. Justice O'Byrne dismissed the application for judgment, and directed that the case should proceed to plenary hearing.

FROM THE LEGAL DIARY

LAW NOTICES—Friday, December 21.

AN PRIMHBHREITHEAMH.
(The Chief Justice.)

Before the Chief Justice of Saorstat Eireann, in the Supreme Court, at 11.30 o'clock. For Judgment—12th Section, Darley, Orpen and Synnott, Vincent and Beatty. Petitions—Trustee Acts (adjourned), T. W. Delany; 12th Section, French and French; 52nd Section, T. J. Quirke and Co. Minors—Wilson, minors; Reeves, a minor.

AN CLARATHOIR DO'N PRIMH-BHREITHEAMH.
(The Registrar to the Chief Justice.)

Before Mr. Magahan, at 11 o'clock—Vouch account, S. Gordon.

AN ARD-CHUIRT BHREITHEAMHNAIS
(The High Court.)

In Court 5, at the conclusion of Bankruptcy List, Petition—Co.'s Acts and Russell and Co., Ltd. Motion—Buckley's Motors, Ltd., v. Ryan. Summonses—Jermyn v. Fox (part heard); O'Brien-Murphy v. Boyd and others; Co.'s Act and Carrigaline Pottery Co., Ltd. For Wednesday, 16th January. Action—Maher v. Maher.

BANKRUPTCY.

In Court No. 6, at 11 o'clock—Arrangements—Horan and Devine, Collins and Son, J. Barrett, Doyle, first public sitting, Hayes and Son; McNelis, first meeting comp., J. Fagan; Parkinson, motion, R. Fox; Long, motion, Peebles, Knox and Pigot; Coard, motion, J. R. Cresswell; Sherry, audit and dividend, Collins and Son.

In Court 1, at 11 o'clock—For Judgment—The State (M'Kay) v. Circuit Judge for Cork City and County and another.

In Court 4, at the conclusion of the Judgment in Court 1. Exparte Motions. On Notice—The State (Coakley) v. District Justice of Bandon Court Area; Richardson, petitioner, Richardson, respondent.

PROBATE MOTIONS.

In Court 3, at the conclusion of the Judgment in Court 1. Exparte—In the goods of John Gannessy, deceased; Margaret Loughran, deceased. On Notice—In the goods of James Donnellan, deceased; Norah Leahy, deceased.

MAISTIR NA hARD-CHUIRTE.
(The Master of the High Court.)

Before the Master, at 11 o'clock. Motions of Course. Summonses—Bank of Ireland v. Heffernan; Scanlon v. O'Mahony; Bradley and Public Charitable Hospitals Act, 1930, and Trustee Act, 1893; Watkins, Jameson, Pim and Co. v. Lambe; Morris v. Attorney-General; Tuckey v. Saunders; Marconiphone Co., Ltd., v. O'Connor; Connolly v. Lynch; M'Gettrick v. M'Gowan; Flynn v. Hy. Denny and Sons, Ltd.; Carrigaline Pottery Co., Ltd., and Co.'s Act, 1908; Walker v. Mount Merrion Estates, Ltd. On Notice—Walker v. Mount Merrion Estates, Ltd.; Revenue Commissioners v. Egan; Quinn v. Mullen; Healy v. Kenneally; Dolan v. Dolan.

OIFIG AN MHAISTIR-MHEASAIREACHTA.
(The Taxing Master's Office.)

Master Denning, at 11 o'clock. Exparte Taxations—A person of unsound mind (G.S.), Reddin and Reddin; O'Brien v. Murphy (G.S.), F. Croskerry; Moloney v. Nash, M'Carthy, Hanrahan and Moloney; [illegible]ica Industries v. Forde, M'Carthy, Hanrahan and Moloney; Murphy v. Dunphy, Harte and Son; same v. same, P. J. Brady; same v. same, C. Corcoran; same v. same, F. J. Clohesey; Ross v. Minister for Finance, J. L. Burke; Conroy v. Minister for Defence, J. H. Dixon; State v. District Justice Carrick-on-Shannon, Little, O hUadhaigh and Proud; Holland v. Cotter and others, M. Purcell and Son.

Master O'Hanlon, at 11 o'clock—A person of unsound mind (G.S.), W. E. Chapman; Coyne v. Smith, F. M'Donnell and Co.; Hill v. Hill, T. T. Mecredy and Son; Hughes, deceased, A. Lane Joynt; O'Donel, deceased, P. O'Flynn; Clare County Council to Monahan, E. Monahan; Reeves, a minor, S. S. and E. Reeves and Sons.

OIFIG AN SCRUDORA.
(The Examiner's Office.)

Mr. Healy (Room 113), at 11 o'clock—Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., v. Kelso, sign cert.; Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., v. Haugh, sign cert.; Williamson v. Kennan and Sons, Ltd., sign cert.; Companies Act and Peter Morgan and Co., Ltd., sign cert.; National Bank, Ltd., v. Birmingham.

Mr. Adderley (Room 103), at 11 o'clock—M. Keenan deceased, Meehan v. Meehan.

Mr. Murphy (Room 17), at 11 o'clock—Lloyd's Estate; Brohon's.

Mr. Greville (Room 110), at 11 o'clock—Bank of Ireland v. Kirwan; G. Tench, deceased, Tench v. Hanna; Williamson v. Kennan and Sons, Ltd.

BANKRUPTCY.
(Before the Registrar.)

At 11 o'clock—Long, prove debts and vouch, C. B. W. Doyle; Lynch, vouch account, Collins and Son.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.
Examiners' Chambers, at 13 Merrion Square.

Before Mr. Sullivan, at 11 o'clock—Susan E. G. Deverell (S. 2505), discharge rulings. At 12.30 o'clock—M'Farland Estate (Rent of Major-General A. G. Cregan) (S. 1996).

At 89 Merrion Square.

Before Mr. Leet, at 11 o'clock—Beatrice Haig (S. 2804, 3817 and 3917), settle schedule. At 3 o'clock—W. H. Fitzgerald (S. 2723), discharge rulings.

Before Mr. Ryan, at 11 o'clock—Alice M. Mundy (S. 2510), discharge rulings.

Before Mr. Malvern White, at 3 o'clock—Mary Anne Jones (S. 1562), discharge rulings.

Before Mr. Phelan, at 3 o'clock—James Good (S. 7473), discharge rulings.

AN CHUIRT BHREITHEAMHNAIS CHUARDA
(Circuit Court of Justice.)

Before Judge Shannon, at the Law Courts, Chancery place, in Court 8, at 11 o'clock. Applications for Summary Judgment—Blake v. Saunders, 7801; Deering v. Burke, 7916; Isaacson v. Smullen, 7956. Application under Increase of Rent Acts—O'Neill, applicant, v. Martin, respondent (for judgment). Civil Action—Kelly v. Lennon, 2343 (part heard); Varney v. Smith, 2877; Smith v. Varney, 4452.

AN CLARATHOIR CONTAE.
(The County Registrar.)

At 11 o'clock—Coleman v. Headen (tax costs); Devlin v. Carr (tax costs); same v. Whelan (tax costs); Spray v. Dowling (tax costs); Nagle v. Farrell (tax costs); M. and L. Bank v. Walsh (tax costs); O'Toole v. Dublin Corporation (tax costs); M'Donald v. Fleming (tax costs).

FOUND DROWNED IN THE DARGLE

The body of Laurence Brady, aged 50, of Enniskerry, was recovered from a pool in the River Dargle, near Enniskerry, early yesterday morning. There was a severe cut in his neck.

Brady had been missing since he left home to go to his work last Tuesday morning. A widespread search had since been made throughout the district. He leaves a wife and three children.

FLOUR MILLING QUOTA

DUBLIN FIRM PROSECUTED

RECONSTRUCTION DELAY BLAMED

IN the Dublin District Court yesterday Mr. Hannan, D.J., dismissed a case brought by the Minister for Industry and Commerce against the Dublin North City Milling Company for failing to mill into flour during the quota year ending July 31, 1934, an amount of wheat which was at least 90 per cent. of quota granted them.

Mr. A. S. Lynam, Milling Inspector of the Department of Industry and Commerce, gave evidence that the total quota awarded to defendants for the year August 1, 1933, to July 31, 1934, was 134,500 barrels of wheat, and the defendants milled only 107,209 barrels, or 20 per cent. short of the required amount.

Cross-examined by Mr. Cecil Lavery, K.C., who, with Mr. O. Gogarty (instructed by Mr. A. Cox, solicitor), defended, the witness said that he was aware that the milling company had reconstructed their mills this year, and that reconstruction had meant considerable disturbance in their production.

Mr. Lavery said that the defendants would satisfy the Court that they had done everything in their power to fill the quota they had obtained.

EXCEEDED QUOTA

In the preliminary quota period, before the quota period in question in this case, the defendants had actually exceeded their quota, and were called upon by the Ministry to pay a penalty for having produced too much.

The North City Milling Company had, in this particular period, entered into a contract with a well-known German firm of mill-builders for the installation of new machinery. The contract was entered into on March 7, 1933. The work was to begin in the month of June, 1933, and to be completed in the month of November or December. In this scheme of reconstruction the milling company had the option of closing down the old mills completely, getting their new machinery installed in a couple of months, and then starting at high production, but, instead, they choose the alternative of keeping the old mill going and maintained their production continuously. In this regard they were meeting the desires of the Ministry, the period being one of scarcity of home-milled flour in the country, but the result was that the period of time for the carrying out of the reconstruction had to be extended.

OBJECT TO GERMAN WORKERS

The German firm had obtained licences to bring in German engineers to the country for the reconstruction work, but the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers objected to the actual work being done by the engineers. The society had insisted on having the work done by native mill-joiners and carpenters, and when the firm came to recruit their staff they found a great shortage of mill-joiners, due to the considerable employment given in the erection of other mills throughout the country, in pursuance of the Government's policy in relation to the production of flour at home. The result was that the mill was not completed until February, two months later than was expected.

Mr. E. Spratt, manager of the North City Milling Company, bore out Mr. Lavery's statement in evidence, and said that if they had closed down their mills to install the machinery it would have played havoc with the flour milling scheme at the time.

SHORTAGE OF JOINERS

Cross-examined by Mr. T. Clarke, solicitor for the prosecution, witness said that they asked for an increased quota because the consumption of the country was then being divided, and they had expected to reach the twenty sacks capacity within the cereal year. If his firm had not applied for the quota some other concern would have got it. A shortage of joiners, which they had not taken into account, had upset their calculations concerning the time the factory would be erected.

Mr. R. Schmidt, of Miag Bros., German milling engineers, said that when his firm entered into the contract for the erection of the mill they thought they could bring over a sufficient number of experienced men to do the work, but the trade union said the Germans could act only as supervisors, otherwise there would be a strike. The result was that they could take over only six joiners instead of twenty, who could do the work much quicker than it had been done by employing a different system.

Mr. Hannan said he was satisfied that the cause of the delay was outside the control of the defendants, and he dismissed the case.

DUBLIN CIRCUIT COURT

LETTING OF DUBLIN LAND

METHOD OF USE DISPUTED

(BEFORE JUDGE SHANNON.)

Mr. Patrick Belton, T.D., Belfield Park, Drumcondra, sued Mrs. E. Perry, Brookville, Santry, Co. Dublin, to recover £114 damages in respect of grass seed which he planted on land which he rented from the defendant, and also in regard to rent which he alleged to be due through the withholding of a cottage on the same land.

It appeared that Mr. Belton took 36 acres from Mrs. Perry for ten years from 1924 at an annual rent of £300, for market gardening. It was a condition of the contract that, before surrendering possession of the land, he was to place it under grass from seed to be supplied by Mrs. Perry. Another part of the bargain was that a cottage on the land, when it became unoccupied, was to be used by Mr. Belton. The cottage became vacant in 1928, and was withheld by Mrs. Perry. In respect of that a rent of 5s. a week from the time it became vacant was claimed by Mr. Belton, which amounted to £78.

In 1932, Mr. Belton applied for the grass seed, but Mrs. Perry refused to give it, whereupon Mr. Belton purchased the seed from Sir James Mackey and Sons at a cost of £36.

It was stated by counsel that a decree for £300 had been granted in the High Court to Mrs. Perry in respect of the rent of the land.

In cross-examination by Mr. F. Sherry (instructed by Messrs. Lynch and Deering), for the defendant, Mr. Belton said that he rented the land to use it in any way he pleased in an agricultural sense. His contract was that he was to give back the land in grass, which he did.

Did you not sow the seed two years before the term expired, in order that you might reap the first crop of hay?

Mr. Belton—Why shouldn't I?

Mrs. Perry, in evidence, said that there was nothing in the agreement regarding the cottage. She refused to supply the grass seed at the time because it was too early and she wanted the first crop. Mr. Belton had at least one crop.

In cross-examination by Mr. Art O'Connor (instructed by Mr. T. Early), for the plaintiff, Mrs. Perry denied that half of the land was in weeds when Mr. Belton took it.

The Judge said that when Mr. Belton rented the land he was entitled to use it for any purpose in an agricultural sense. Although it was not mentioned in the agreement, the cottage, when it became untenanted, should have reverted to him. He gave the plaintiff a decree for £30 15s. in respect of the grass-seed, and for £45 in respect of the cottage for rent.

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.—St. Thomas. Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel at 8 and 11 a.m. Morning Service at 10 o'clock. Psalm, 105 (1-15). Jubilate, 8. Litany. Hymn, 186. Evening Service at 4 o'clock. Unaccompanied Service. Psalm, 106. Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Arnold in A. Anthem, "The path of the just," Roberts. Carol Service at 8 o'clock.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—St. Thomas. Morning Prayer at 10.45 o'clock. Jubilate. Litany. Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel at 11.30. Evening Prayer at 3 o'clock. Aldrich in G. Anthem, "Blessed Word of God," Pearsall.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH.—Festival of St. Thomas. Holy Communion at 8 and 11.30 a.m.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH.—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Matins at 10.30. Litany at 11. Choral Evensong at 5.30. Rev. Canon Wilson, Rector of Donnybrook.

IRISH NEWS IN BRIEF

Clonakilty Arrests.—Cornelius Collins, John Donovan, Foxbridge, and John Donovan, Convent road, Clonakilty, were arrested yesterday and transferred to Bandon.

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Borris Water Supply.—The tender of Messrs. T. Thompson and Son, Hanover, Carlow, for the contract for the Borris water supply at £1,888 16s., has been accepted by the Carlow Board of Health.

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A Ringed Cormorant.—A fully-grown cormorant captured on the beach in Rosslare Harbour bore on its left leg an aluminium ring with the inscription: "Inform Witherby, High Holborn, London, 103893." The instructions have been complied with.

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Cinemas Closed on Sundays.—The Armagh City Commissioner, Mr. J. B. Hanna, jun., at a special meeting in Armagh City Hall, stated that, as a result of interviews with Catholic and Protestant clergymen, he had decided that both the cinemas in town must close on Sundays from 31st March next.

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Child Drowned.—Eileen Monsell, aged two years, Cappagh, Kilrush, disappeared from home on Wednesday evening, and was later found drowned in the bay in front of the house. At an inquest held subsequently a verdict of death from drowning was returned.

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New Carlow Factory.—It has been decided to establish a razor blade factory in Carlow, and a company has been formed for the purpose. Premises have been acquired, and it is expected that the factory will soon be working.

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£3,000 for Technical Schools.—By 17 votes to 6 against, Wexford County Council adopted a motion agreeing to borrow £3,000 for the erection of vocational education schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge, and Shebbaggin, provided the Department of Education contributed one-half.

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Co. Meath Land Division.—Colonel Tandy's estate at Johnsbrook, Kells, containing about 307 acres; and Mrs. Hopkins's estate at Cloneymore, Athboy, Co Meath, containing about 147 acres, have been taken over by the Irish Land Commission with a view to division into small holdings.

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Gift for Muckross Church.—A handsome new pulpit, the gift of Mr. H. B. Rathborne, J.P., former High Sheriff, to Muckross Church, County Fermanagh, in memory of his wife, was dedicated at a special Service by the Bishop of Clogher. The Service was conducted by the Rev. J. McKew, Rector of Belleek, and the Rev. Canon W. A. Stack.

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For Military Tribunal.—Three men who were detained in Tipperary Civic Guards' Barracks in connection with the cutting of telegraph wires between Kilross and Lattin, County Tipperary, were released yesterday. A youth named Breen, of Clarkstown, Tipperary, who was arrested in connection with the affair, was sent for trial by the Military Tribunal.

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Road Transport Protest.—Representatives of the Drogheda Corporation, Drogheda Harbour Board, and Drogheda Chamber of Commerce have decided to protest to the Minister for Industry and Commerce against the contemplated granting of a road transport monopoly to the Great Northern Railway Company, Ltd. The following deputation was appointed to interview the Minister:—Alderman L. J. Walsh (Mayor), Alderman O. Kierans, Alderman J. Dowd, Mr. Joseph Carr (Town Clerk), Mr. E. McArdle, and Mr. R. Murdock.

AN EDENDERRY TANNERY

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT,
EDENDERRY, Thursday.

"The Minister was constantly directing the attention of interested parties to the vacant factory premises in Edenderry. Every advantage would be taken of opportunities which arose of having the premises utilised for industrial purposes," wrote the Minister for Industry and Commerce to the Edenderry Town Commissioners respecting the utilisation of the vacant factory of Alesbury Brothers, Ltd.

The Chairman (Mr. O'Connell) said that he had been informed by Mr. Eugene O'Brien that an English firm, Messrs. Hutchinson Brothers, had applied to the Department for a licence to start a tannery in the Free State. In former times, he said, there were three tanneries in Edenderry, and the vacant premises there were ideal for the purpose.

Mr. A. Byrne said that he heard that the Imperial Chemical Co. intended establishing a factory in Edenderry.

The Chairman said that they had got premises in the West.

Mr. Byrne said that a Dublin clothing firm were contemplating starting a factory, and had mentioned Edenderry as one of the places where they were prepared to start.

A resolution was passed requesting the Minister to bring under the notice of Messrs. Hutchinson Brothers the ideal facilities which the town offered for the establishment and development of a tanning industry.

COURT SITS IN HOSPITAL

NEPHEW ACCUSES UNCLE OF SHOOTING HIM

A Court sat in East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital yesterday to take evidence regarding a charge of attempted murder. Part of the sitting was held by the bed of James Henry Barton, of The Bungalow, Otley, East Suffolk.

The accused man was Barton's uncle, William Henry Barton, of Otley, a poultry farmer, who is charged with shooting his nephew with a shot-gun with intent to kill.

The Court first sat in the hospital Board Room, where the resident medical officer, Dr. Harold Kelson, stated that the injured Barton was admitted on Wednesday night with a compound comminuted fracture of the jaw, with severe laceration. He was not likely to recover.

The evidence of the injured man was heard in a small ward, the magistrates and officials, with the prisoner, standing by the bedside. Despite the dressings on his shattered jaw, Barton was able to take the Oath and to answer questions. He deposed that he went to his uncle about 8 o'clock on Wednesday night to ask him why he smashed a hut, and that his uncle came out and shot him in the mouth.

After his statement was read to him Barton was able to sign it.

The magistrates then returned to the Board Room, where they remanded the prisoner in custody to the next Woodbridge Petty Sessions.

SALE OF ANTIQUES

At the sale of antique furniture at Hillside, Kilmacanogue, for the Rev. D. J. Lucy, C.C., held yesterday by Mr. H. J. Byrne, F.A.I., P.A.S.I., the following prices were obtained:—Set of 8 Hepplewhite dining chairs, £40; Georgian mirror, £5 5s.; Adam armchair, £6 5s; Adam stool, £2 12s. 6d.; Chinese bowl, £2; Hepplewhite window seat, £14; Dublin and Wexford coach horn, £3; pair Chippendale side tables, £5 15s.; pair of Chinese kylins, £3 10s.; pair of Waterford candlesticks, £7; pair of plate buckets, £7 5s.; pair of Chinese Chippendale brackets, £5 15s.; dining table, £12 10s.; Hepplewhite side table £5 10s.; Georgian silver teapot, £6 10s.; pair of Sheffield plated candelabra, £6; Waterford cut glass jug, £6; Chippendale bed, £10 10s.; oil paintings, £4 to £5 10s.; Adam dressing table, £5 5s.; Hepplewhite wardrobe, £6.

The Central Council of Coalowners ratified in London yesterday the Anglo-Polish agreement regarding the relationship between the coal export trades of the two countries.

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